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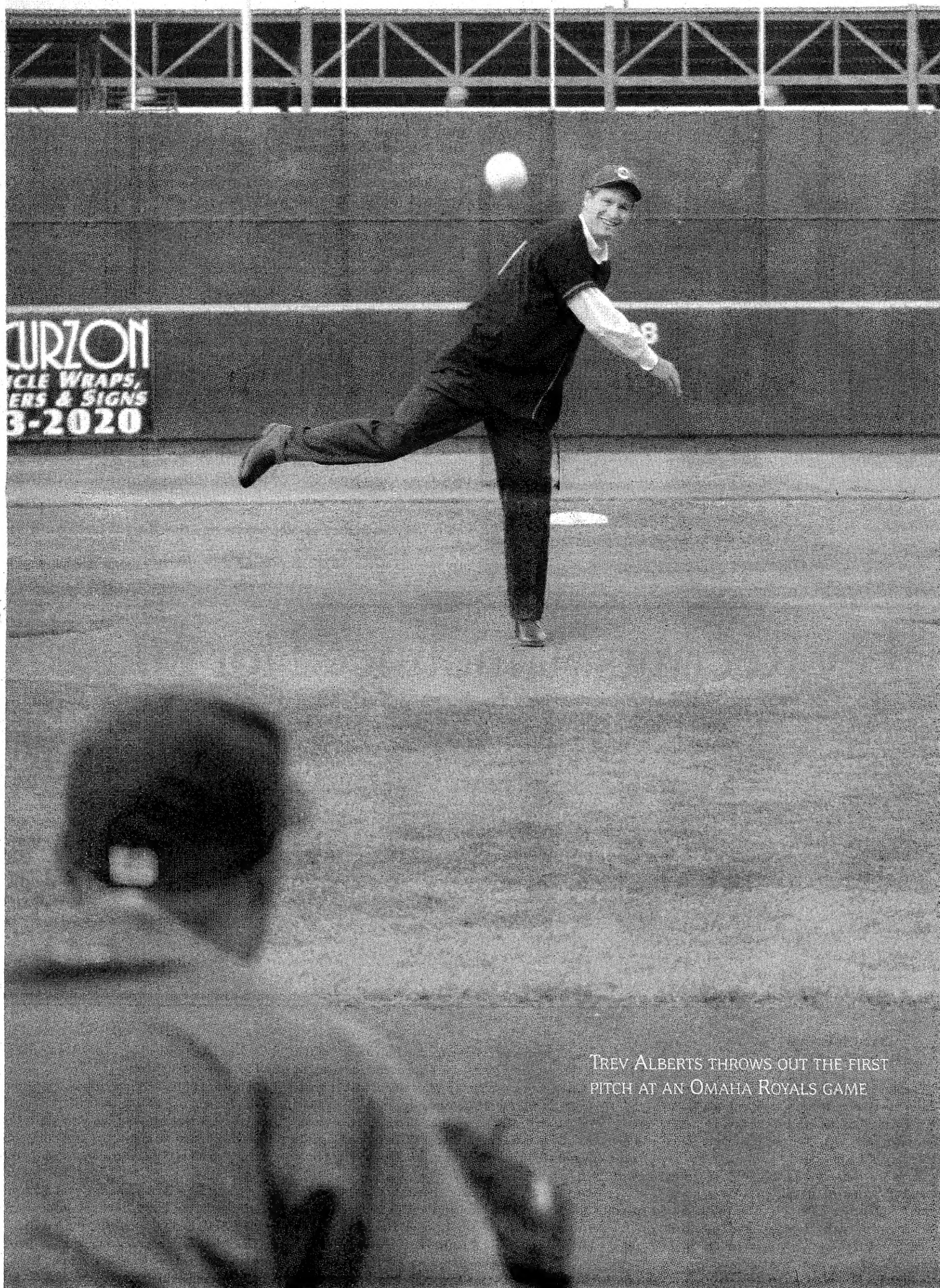
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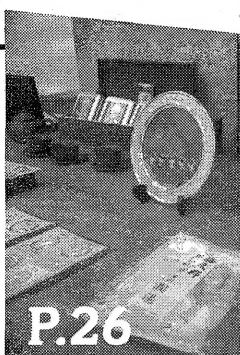
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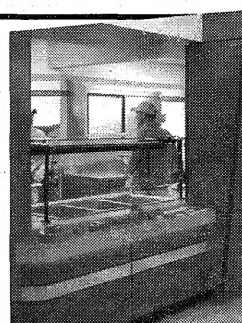


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## UNO helps honor fallen firefighters

ANDREA CIUREJ  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The UNO Athletic Department remained true to their mantra as "Omaha's Team" by joining The Salvation Army and Omaha Fire Department for a lunch-and-dinner fundraiser to honor those men and women who have died in the line of fire.

The event, which was held on Aug. 21 at the Omaha Firefighter's Hall Local 385 on 60th and Grover Streets, served as a joint fundraiser to benefit the Omaha firefighters' memorial.

The memorial, which will be dedicated on Sept. 11, will feature an 8-foot statue depicting two firefighters holding a child.

Proceeds will also benefit The Salvation Army's Winter Night Watch program, which allows the homeless to receive warm meals and clothing during the winter season.

"When we collaborate with the firefighters, anytime they go out for a call, our unit goes out and is there for their support," said Michele Shearer, volunteer and special events coordinator for The Salvation Army. "If it's in the dead of winter, they are there to give them coffee [and] a warm place to come into."

Shearer said The Salvation Army has collaborated with the Omaha Fire Department for many years.

"The thing is, the firefighters, they're here keeping us safe and not only are they keeping us safe, they do a lot of community outreach...it's a wonderful community networking," she said.

Associate Head Coach Mike Hastings, Assistant Coach Nick Fohr and Director of Hockey Operations Dave Noel-Bernier of the UNO Hockey Team joined Athletic Director Trev Alberts, Associate Athletic Director Don Leahy and other department staff in supporting the dinner portion of the event, which featured live music and a silent auction. Former Nebraska Cornhusker Quarterback Tommie Frazier attended the lunch portion of the event for a meet-and-greet.

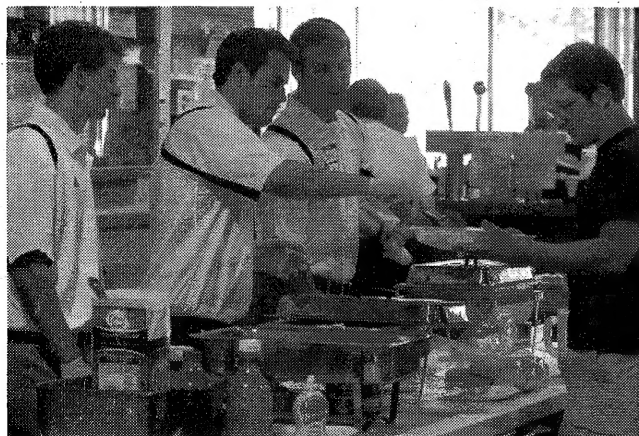
"We've been branding ourselves as 'Omaha's Team' and if you're going to be 'Omaha's Team,' you've got to get out in the community and you've got a civic responsibility to give back," Alberts said. "These men and women put their lives on the line every single day and, of course, some have paid the ultimate sacrifice."

Alberts said the community is an integral part of UNO.

"The community is important to UNO," he said. "The message is that we want to be a good partner with this community and we're proud to be a part of this community and we're the beneficiaries of people [like firefighters] that are serving us every day."

Fohr said the hockey program dedicates about 300 to 400 hours each year to community service events and activities. On average, each hockey player will take part in 15 different events.

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Freshmen forwards Terry Broadhurst, Brandon Richardson and Brent Gwidt of the UNO hockey team serve guests at a joint fundraiser for The Salvation Army and Omaha Fire Department on Aug. 21. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

## Meet the Mavs: UNO hosts community as Omaha's team

TAYLOR MULLER  
STAFF WRITER

Red, white and black - the colors of UNO - crowded the Al F. Caniglia football field Sunday in celebration of the beginning of a new year and the start of Maverick athletics.

More than 200 members of the UNO community filled the field, meeting with student-athletes and participating in different events with UNO's 13 athletic teams, as well as the dance team, cheerleading squad and athletic trainers.

"It's nice to reach out to the community," hockey defenseman Pasko Skarica said. "We're all really excited and itching to get back on the ice."

Fellow teammate and goalie Jeremie Dupont said it was great to see the local support.

"We're all working real hard right now, raring to go," Dupont said.

Emceed by wrestling coach Mike Denney, the main event of the afternoon was Chancellor John Christiansen and Athletic Director Trev Alberts squaring off in sumo suits against all challengers.

"This is an opportunity for our teams to give back to the fans in the greater Omaha community who support us so well throughout the year," Alberts said in a press release. "So many of our student athletes are from the area, and we know our fans will enjoy meeting them."

The event had the feel of a family



UNO Athletic Director Trev Alberts and Chancellor John Christiansen team up to sumo wrestle fellow competitors at the 2009 Mav Fest on Aug. 23. (JOE SCHERER/THE GATEWAY)

reunion, with student-athletes, coaches and fans running around and having fun in the summer sun. Kids also got to hang out and take pictures with UNO's mascot, Durango.

"I'm ready to go out there and support Omaha's team," Durango said. "It's a nice turnout, the kids love it."

Jen Ortnier, her husband and their two kids were spending their first day in Omaha after moving from

Milwaukee.

"It's been real fun, a great introduction to Omaha," she said. "This is literally our first day in Omaha."

The event was held one day before classes begin for the fall semester. The first game for UNO athletics will be on Aug. 27 as the Mavericks football team takes on East Central University at Caniglia Field at 7 p.m.

## Athletes honor elders in local community

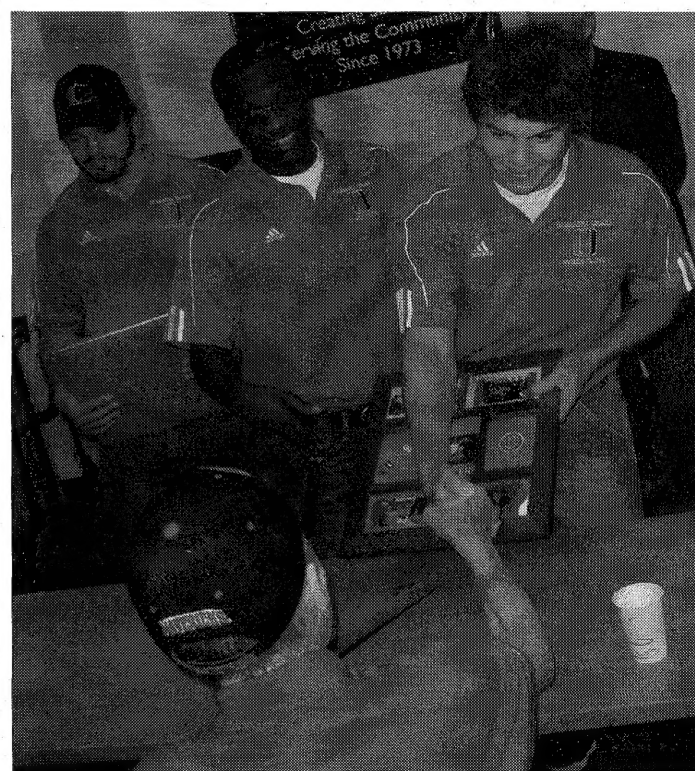
NOELLE LYNN BLOOD  
NEWS EDITOR

A presentation for the UNO Athletes and Elders program was held Friday in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service building. The program, which had its pilot run in the spring 2009 semester, will bring together UNO athletes and elders from local assisted living communities.

"We're getting it done on the playing surface, in the pool and now we're trying to get it done in the community. We are Omaha's team," UNO Athletic Director Trev Alberts said.

Coach Michael Denney's wrestling team, Coach Rose Shire's volleyball team and Coach Todd Samland's women's swim team each "adopted" a nursing home during spring 2009. The wrestling and swim teams were presented with scrapbooks and framed photo collages of their service by participating elders. The volleyball team was not able to attend due to practice.

"It is the first [program] of it's kind that we know about," said Julie Masters, chair of the Department of Gerontology. "We bridge the generation gap by bringing



Sophomore wrestlers Austin Boehm and Mario Morgan and freshman recruit Tim Chavez receive a photo collage for the wrestling team's participation in the UNO Athletes and Elders Program on Aug. 21. (NOELLE LYNN BLOOD/THE GATEWAY)

together our beautiful youth athletes from Omaha and our beautiful elders who are residents here in Omaha and have done so much to build the town that we dearly love."

# UNO swimmer prepares for 2012 Olympic Swim Trials

TODD HANSEN  
STAFF WRITER

UNO senior Brendan Zubrod missed qualifying by less than one second in the 2008 U.S. Olympic swimming trials at Omaha's Qwest Center. With the announcement that Omaha will once again be the site for the 2012 trials Zubrod plans to compete again.

"When I heard about the trials coming back to Omaha, I was more than ecstatic," Zubrod said. "The one thing that hurt the most about coming so close and missing

last time was the fact that I would have gotten to swim in front of a home crowd."

According to a study by Creighton's Ernest Goss and UNL's Eric Thompson, the eight-day event had an overall attendance of 160,003. Of that number more than 59,000 were from Nebraska.

"I can't tell you how many people came up to me during the trials last year and would tell me how they went and watched the night before and they never realized how exciting it is," Zubrod said. "Before they knew it, they were out of their seats jumping up and down yelling and

screaming."

With the 2012 trials still a couple years away, Zubrod is already training.

"I am swimming three mornings a week and running and lifting in the afternoon," Zubrod said. "But when I am in hard training, starting in the next week or two, I am usually in the water from about 5:30-7:30 every morning but Sunday and again from about 4-6 at night."

His coach, Omaha Westside's Doug Krecklow, has noticed that Brendan's drive to make the trials sets him apart.

"He came to me with a plan, he has the personal desire and interest to improve his swimming," Krecklow said.

Zubrod said he's thankful to Krecklow for the time and energy he has given him, as well as his parents and friends for supporting him throughout his training.

"There are countless people that have sacrificed something for me to chase this dream and I will be thankful to them for the rest of my life, whether I achieve it or not," Zubrod said.

In order to qualify for the trials, Zubrod will have to meet the minimum qualifying standard that USA Swimming puts in place. This year's time, however, is not easy to achieve.

"They are the 2nd fastest qualifying standards in the world next to the NCAA Division 1 Championships," Zubrod said.

Zubrod plans to compete in the 50-, 100- and 200-meter freestyle. He also competes in various other meets to prepare for the 2012 trials. He plans on competing at the Minnesota Grand Prix



**Top:** UNO senior Brendan Zubrod (right) poses with his dad Stephen, a former Princeton University swimmer, after the two participated in a meet at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. (COURTESY OF BRENDAN ZUBROD)  
**Left:** Brendan Zubrod dives into the water during the 2007 UNO Invite. (COURTESY OF BRENDAN ZUBROD)



in November as well as the Missouri GP in February. There's also the Speedo Sectional Championships which takes place every March and July.

Zubrod's times have been dropping steadily and having the trials in Omaha only gives an added incentive.

"I think about how close I came every day, even when I am not in the pool I find myself thinking about it and replaying those races in my head," he said.

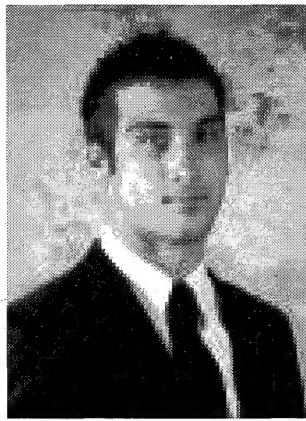
The 2012 trials will no doubt bring more fans and tourists to Omaha, and Zubrod hopes a section will be rooting for him.

"When 2012 comes around no matter what happens I want to be able to say that there is nothing I would have done differently in the last four years to prepare for that moment," Zubrod said.

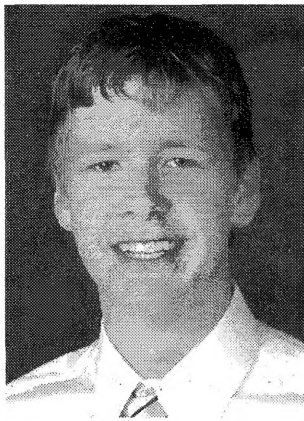
## Hockey Recruits Announced for 2009-2010



Brandon Richardson



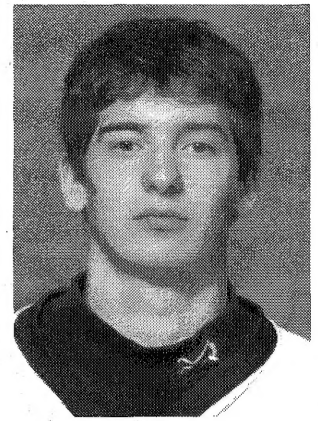
Brent Gwidt



Fredrik Bergman



Andrew McCabe



Terry Broadhurst

ZACH SEASTEDT  
SPORTS EDITOR

UNO revealed the hockey team's five incoming recruits for the 2009-2010 season. Four forwards and one goalie join new head coach Dean Blais' for his first season at UNO, with the season beginning Oct. 5 in an exhibition game against the University of Lethbridge.

Forward Terry Broadhurst arrives at UNO after leading the Sioux Falls Stampede in scoring last season with 27 goals and gaining 31 assists in 60 games. He finished his career with the Stampede with 34 goals and 47 assists in 116 games played. Broadhurst was 12th in the United States Hockey League in scoring and ninth in goals. Broadhurst is a native of Orland Park, Ill.

Forward Brent Gwidt played for the Indiana Ice of the USHL for the last three years and helped lead the team to the Clark Cup Championship last year. Gwidt had 11 goals and 17 assists in 60 games. Originally from Minocqua, Wis., Gwidt scored 41 goals in only 21 games as a senior in high school. He was drafted by the Washington Capitals in the 6th round, 157th overall, in the 2006 NHL Entry Draft.

Forward Andrew McCabe comes to UNO after spending the last three years with the Fairbanks Ice Dogs of the North American Hockey League. His junior career ended with 47 goals and 75 assists. Last season, McCabe had 17 goals and 30 assists in 57 games. He finished as the team's third-leading scorer. Originally from Eau Claire,

Wis., McCabe finished his high school career with 32 goals and 57 assists in 80 games.

Forward Brandon Richardson was a teammate of Gwidt on the Indiana Ice during their Clark Cup Championship run last year. He finished the year third on the team in scoring with 21 goals and 42 assists for 63 points. The native of San Clemente, Calif. also scored eight goals in ten playoff games.

Goalie Fredrik Bergman, originally from Stockholm, Sweden, split the 2008-2009 season between Des Moines of the USHL and Owatonna of the NAHL. While playing in Des Moines, Bergman appeared in ten games before finishing his season with Owatonna. Bergman posted a 2.56 GAA and a .916 save percentage.

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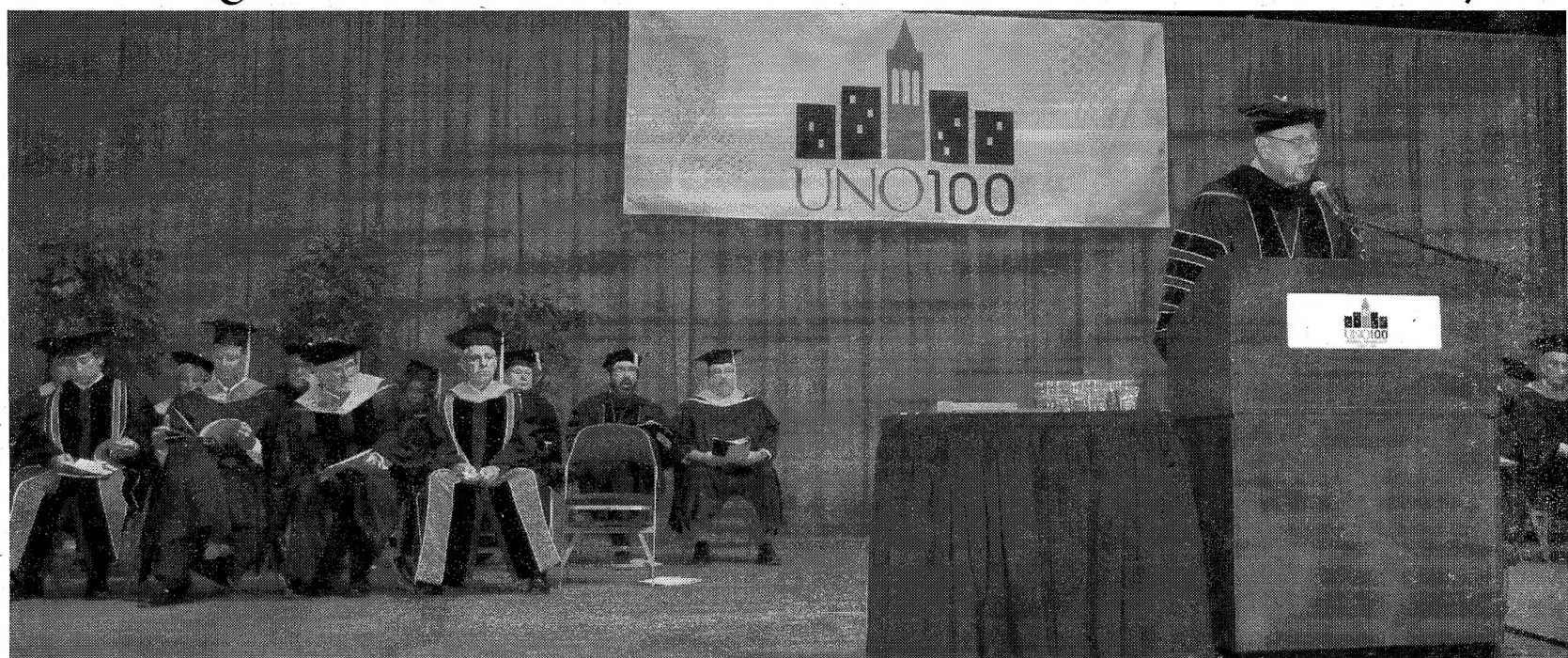
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## Summer graduation marks final commencement of centennial year



Chancellor John Christiansen addresses the graduates with a congratulations speech on Aug. 14. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

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**MIKE BELL**  
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The last graduates of UNO's centennial year walked across the stage at the 2009 summer commencement on Aug. 14, receiving their diplomas and pins marking the 100 years since Omaha University's inception. Of the 500 graduates, 270 filled the Civic Auditorium along with their families and friends.

Jason Cooper was chosen as the student commencement speaker. His speech, "In Consideration of Perspective," stressed the importance of his graduating class' future success.

"It's our job now to endure as our predecessors have, galvanizing UNO's future efforts," Cooper said.

When asked before his speech about the difficulty of graduating magna cum laude with a business administration degree, Cooper said, "It was fairly easy, I just had to hit on the right instructors."

Cooper said his plans were to move to Chicago to watch the Bears play and to live off his girlfriend,

whom Cooper referred to as his "sugar mama," and perhaps go into law-school to become a criminal attorney.

In addition to the diplomas received, other awards were conferred. David Conway accepted the Chancellor's Medal in recognition of his contribution to the university community. Conway has served as associate dean of the College of Education since 2002, but has served UNO in one form or another since 1985.

Conway specializes in communication disorders and began his career working with deaf children in 1967 at the DePaul Institute in Pittsburgh. There he served as an after-school program coordinator for deaf students. Since coming to UNO he has allotted more than \$1.7 million in external funding for training and preparation of professionals for the education of the deaf and hard of hearing.

Dennis Duffy, who is the executive

vice president of operations at Union Pacific, was honored with the Citation for Alumnus Achievement award. The Citation – which is the alumni association's highest honor – is presented at each commencement to an alumnus who has encompassed career achievement, community service, involvement in business and professional associations and fidelity to the university.

Duffy has encompassed all of the above, however, he credits receiving this award to his education. Duffy graduated from UNO in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in accounting and is now responsible for the daily operation of more than 3,000 trains in 23 states.

"I'm getting an award because of the success I derived from my education," Duffy said.

Duffy said he always valued his education, which allowed him to succeed at Union Pacific.

"The quality of the professors, the course content and related experiences were excellent and are easily applied to the business world and real-life situations," Duffy said. "I always believed that a good education, solid Midwestern work ethic and a competitive determination to succeed are a combination for success."

At Union Pacific, Duffy said

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### FOR THE RECORD

In the Aug. 11 issue, the name of the sophomore international studies major in the photo for "Learning to Sleep Can Be More Difficult Than Academic Studies" is named Miranda Nickel, not Miranda Nickle. In the photo caption for "Worried About Health Care? Student Health Services has Your Back," the woman on the left was misidentified as Julie Denker. Her name is Julie Kalasek. The Gateway apologizes for misprinting this information.

### CRIME LOG

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Friday, Aug. 7, 2009  
10:22 a.m. – A staff member reported the theft of university property from Durham Science Center. The incident occurred between 5:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009  
7:57 p.m. – A student reported the theft of personal property from the grounds southwest of Arts and Sciences Hall. The incident occurred between 6:45 p.m. and 7:55 p.m.

8:54 p.m. – A student reported the theft of personal property from the grounds southwest of Arts and Sciences Hall. The incident occurred between 6:50 p.m. and 8:54 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009  
5 p.m. – A student reported being sexually assaulted by an ex-boyfriend in her Maverick Village dorm room during the 2008-2009 school year. The incident was reported to police.

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## I'M IN THE BAND

As part of the Marching Mavericks annual band camp, brass and woodwind players practice last week in a field near Scott Village. (MIKE BELL/ THE GATEWAY)

# Volleyball team loses to alumni in final exhibition game

ZACH SEASTEDT  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Mavericks volleyball team looks to the regular season after a loss to the UNO Alumni in their final exhibition game Saturday at Sapp Fieldhouse.

The Alumni won in four sets, winning 13-25, 25-23, 25-22, 27-25.

Leading the Mavericks were seniors Kelli Goesser and Ellen Thommes. Goesser led all players with 15 kills, while Thommes contributed 14 with a .458 hitting percentage.

On defense, sophomore libero Angie Reicks paced the Mavs with 23 digs. She also contributed three service aces to lead the team.

Junior Kayla Uhing led the Mavs

with two solo blocks. Sophomores Lizzy Mach and Brittany Hanssen, along with Thommes, each contributed one.

The Mavs committed 14 service errors, while the UNO Alumni only had four.

Leading the Alumni was Nikki (Mastny) Bails, registering 12 kills and a .391 attack percentage.

Annie Rice led the Alumni with 12 digs, while Amy (Sibbensen) McLeay had 11.

The Mavs begin their regular season with the UNO Volleyball Showcase in Sapp Fieldhouse on Friday against Tarleton State University.

# Mavs open season Thursday against East Central

MICHELLE BISHOP  
PHOTO EDITOR

On Thursday, the UNO football team kicks off the season with the first of two non-conference games of the season with a 7 p.m. game against East Central University at Caniglia Field.

The game will be the first meeting between East Central and UNO; the Tigers finished 3-8 last season while playing in the Lone Star Conference.

The Mavs hit the road for another non-conference game against the University of Nebraska at Kearney on Sept. 5. The Mavs handed UNK a 49-21 loss last season; the Lopers finished 7-4 overall.

UNO traditionally opens the season with UNK, but that game has come after UNO has sat idle the opening week of the season. Head coach Pat Behrns was able to secure a game with ECU to mark the first time since 2004 that UNO has played an 11 game regular-season schedule.

The Mavs were picked to finish sixth in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association coaches poll and fourth in the first-ever MIAA media poll.

UNO, which finished 7-4 overall last year after losing in the first round of the Division II playoffs, opens MIAA play with two of the three teams that beat them last year. Truman State visits Sept. 12 and then UNO travels to face NCAA Division II runner-up Northwest Missouri State on Sept. 19. The game at Northwest is the first of three straight on the road for UNO.

Up first are the Tigers of ECU. The Ada, Okla. school was picked to finish fifth in the LSC's six team North Division.

Senior quarterback Marcus Johnson, a two-time North Division Offensive Back of the Year, leads the Tiger offense. Johnson was tabbed LSC North Preseason Offensive Player

of the Year for the second straight time during the league's annual media day festivities.

Johnson passed for 3,110 yards and 20 touchdowns last season and owns ECU records for passing yards (5,618), completions (525) and has twice thrown for six touchdowns in a game.

"Our football team will be young this year, I felt pretty generous getting the fifth place nod." ECU head coach Tim McCarty said in a statement. "We've got a young line coming in, Marcus has got to be protected by them."

ECU's offensive line is anchored by All-LSC first-team pick senior Justin Nail, while sophomore brothers Craig Roark and Chad Roark man the middle at guard and center. Both Roark brothers transferred from the University of Nebraska after battling injuries.

"We've got some key returners coming back," McCarty said. "Justin Nail is a first team all-conference lineman. We've got Craig and Chad Roark back, who both played in the U.S. Army All-American game."

The Tigers will also be looking to see what junior defensive back Alex Woodley and senior wide receiver Alvin

Barnett, a pair of division one transfers from Missouri and Colorado, respectively, will bring to the playing field.

Woodley shined on special teams in 2004 for Missouri as he compiled a team-best 16 tackles in 11 games. In nine kickoff returns he averaged a team-best 20 yards, including a 31-yard return against Baylor.

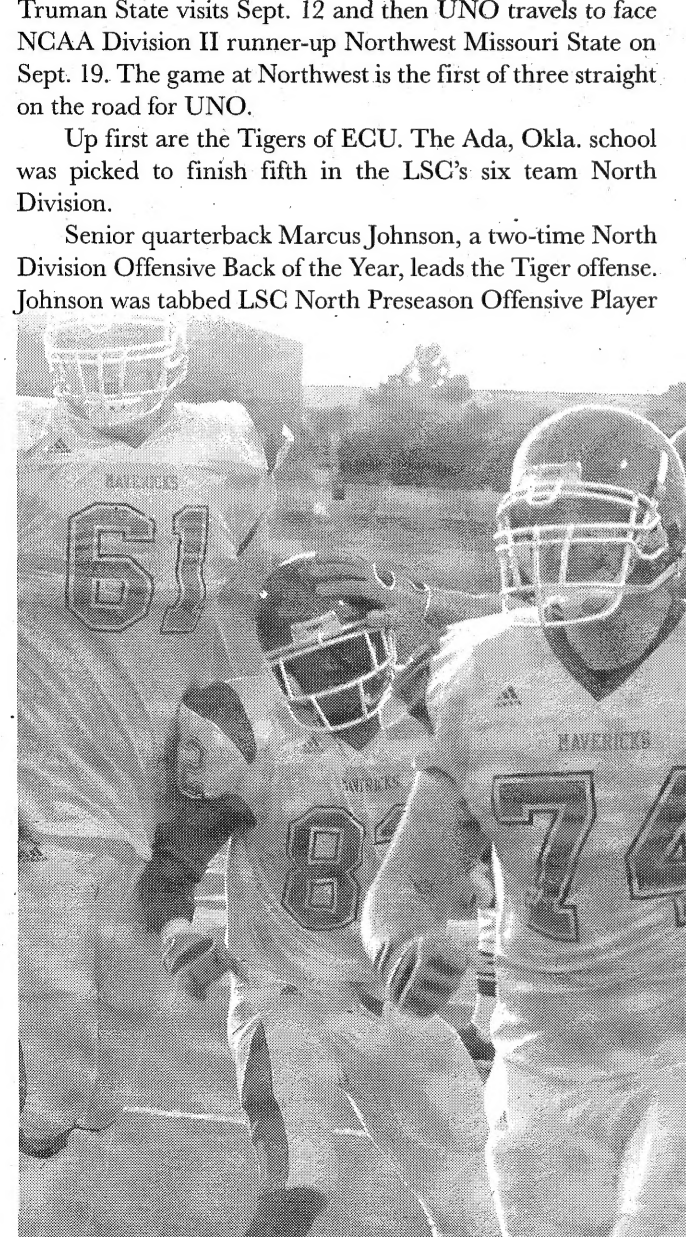
In 2006, Barnett played in all 12 games, including eight starts, for Colorado, catching 21 passes for 232 yards and one touchdown.

ECU also is welcoming McCarty back for a second stint as head coach. McCarty returns to the helm after leaving ECU for three years to serve as Kansas State's top assistant.

In the three years McCarty was gone, the Tigers won just seven games — the Mavs won seven last season.

"We've got some guys in place. We've got to learn our offense and defense," McCarty said. "That's the mark where we are. That's the same mark where you always come in with a new coach and coaching staff. We've focused on our fundamentals, we want to be a fundamentally sound team."

The Mavericks open the 2009 season with a game against East Central University at 7 p.m. Thursday at Caniglia Field. (MICHELLE BISHOP/ THE GATEWAY)



# Construction continues on Mammel Hall and HPER

MIKE BELL  
CONTRIBUTOR

The UNO campus has changed dramatically in the last four years. Construction of the new parking garage and Maverick Village, as well as the renovation of Criss Library have updated and added to campus. With the addition of 82,000 square feet to the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building and a new College of Business Administration building on south campus, the university continues to expand.

"I asked the staff to imagine their ideal facility," said Joe Kaminski, the director of campus recreation at UNO.

He said a recurring trend reflected in

student and faculty surveys was that HPER desperately needed more dedicated space for activities like weightlifting and cardio exercise. With a budget of \$38 million to work with, the addition to HPER will include many changes.

The two-lane jogging track currently overlooking the central gymnasiums will be expanded into a three-lane, nine-lap track that will branch over the space between HPER and the Sapp Fieldhouse. Windows will border the north portion of the track to let in natural lighting.

The demands for a juice bar have been met, along with a massage parlor. A golf and archery lab will also be available, as well as a 25-person hot tub.

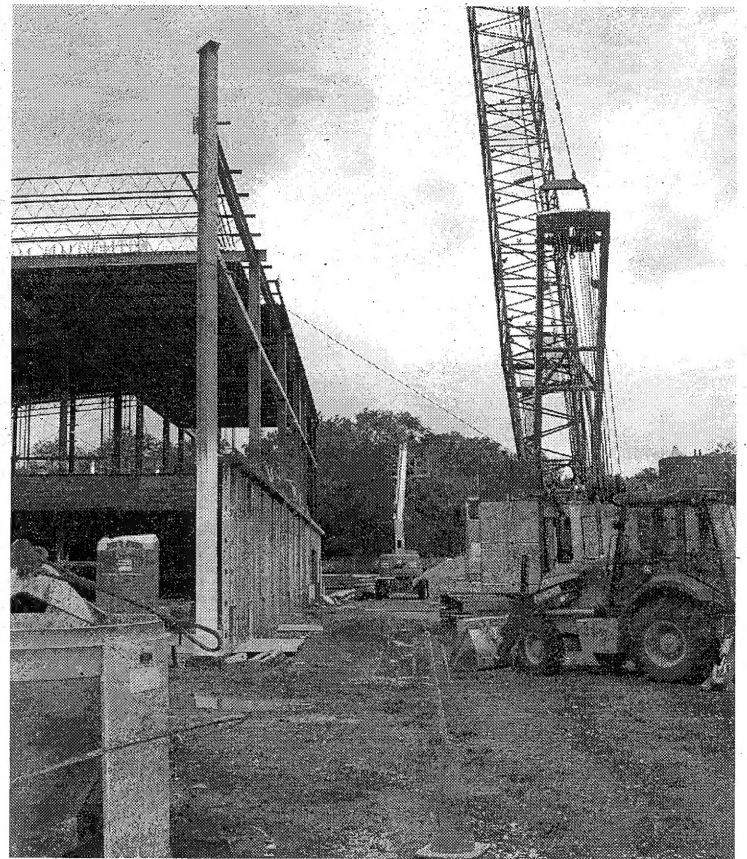
"We went to at least 25 other recreational facilities throughout the country so we could emulate what they did right and see where they fell short," Kaminski said.

UNO also needed a new building for the College of Business Administration. The \$31 million needed for construction of the 120,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility was generated by donations alone, most notably from Carl and Joyce Mammel, who provided the most significant single contribution to UNO in the university's 100-year history.

The \$38.5 million fundraising project includes \$31 million for construction. The remaining \$7.5 million will be directed to an endowment to enhance CBA programs and benefit students and faculty.

"We are pleased to help fund the completion of this new hall and believe it will greatly benefit both the students and the business community," Carl and Joyce Mammel said in a statement.

The Mammel's donation to the College of Business Administration's construction is only the most recent of philanthropic acts. In 1998, they formed the Mammel Student and Faculty Excellence fund, a renewable scholarship to students and faculty internships at local corporations.

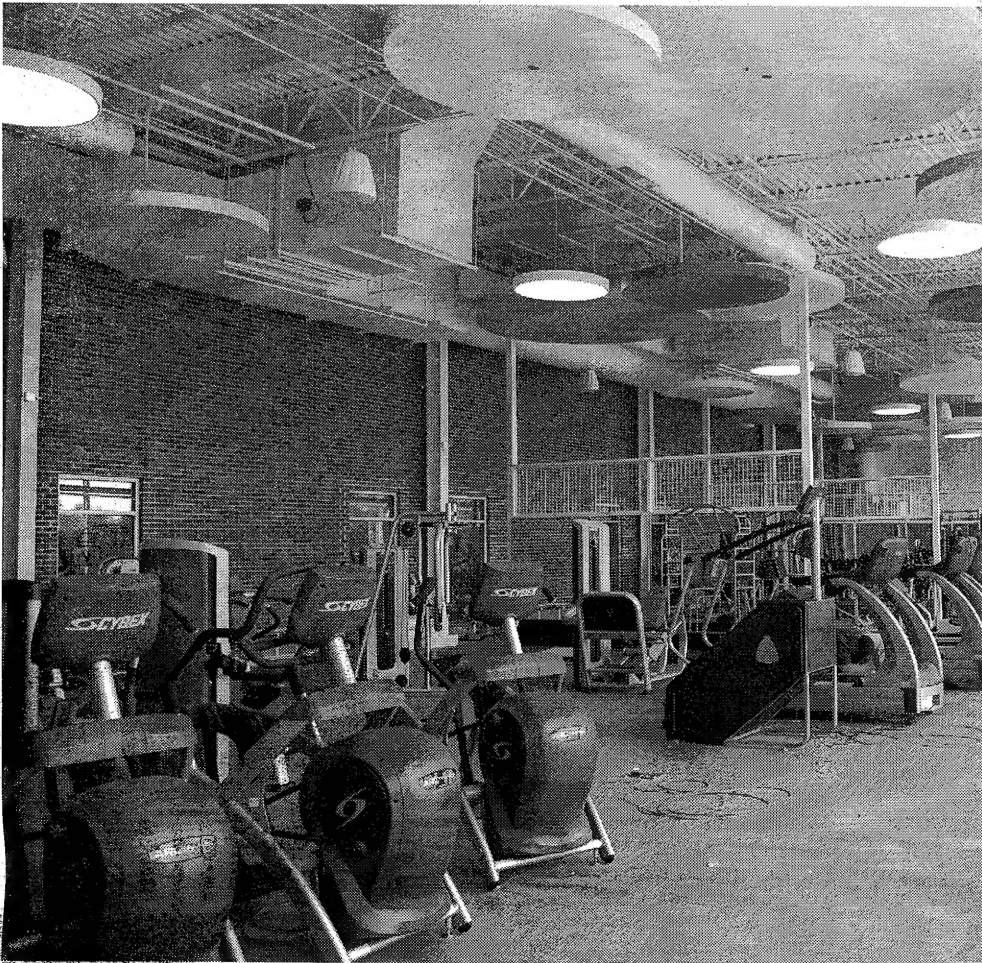


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In the four years George Killian has been here as UNO's manager of planning and architectural services, \$150 million has been spent on campus expansion and construction.

"It's a pretty complicated process," Killian said. "It's all about collecting information and trying to accommodate everyone's needs, from the students to the faculty."

Killian said these new buildings have to be designed to support further additions as the campus continues to grow. Mammel Hall will feature a virtual stock market trading room as well as labs for real estate and statistics. Construction is set for completion in August 2010.



# Soccer team holds Media Day, express excitement for 2009

ZACH SEASTEDT  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO soccer team met with members of the media Aug. 18 for their annual Media Day inside Sapp Fieldhouse.

Don Klosterman, entering his 11th season as head coach, must retool his team a bit after losing his top four scorers from a year ago. He is, however, very pleased with what he has seen during the offseason.

"They worked hard from winter to spring," Klosterman said. "That's where teams really improve."

Klosterman will be counting on four seniors to set examples of leadership, both on and off the pitch, for his large group of underclassmen that includes 15 freshmen and sophomores.

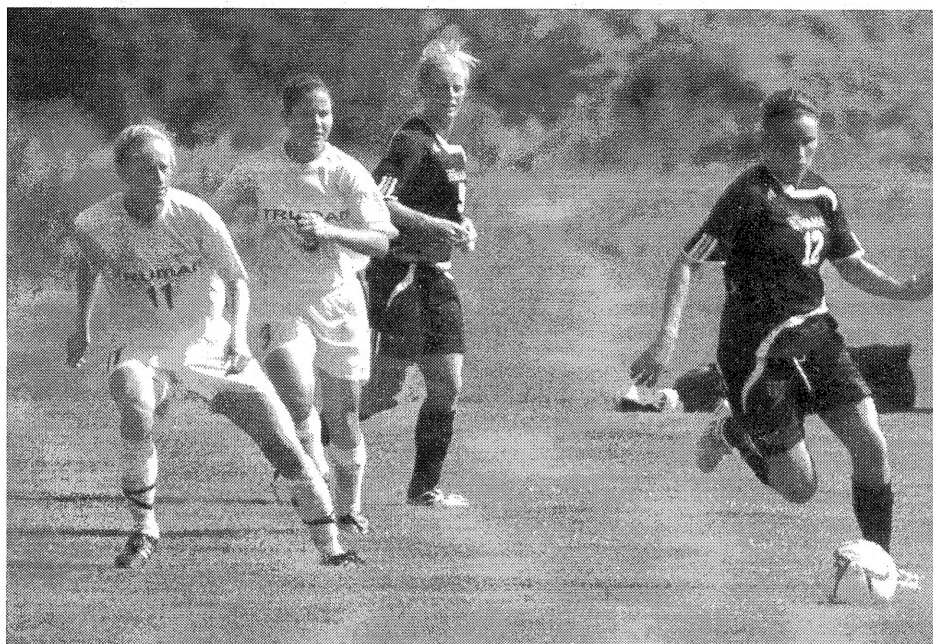
"We seniors have stepped up the leadership roles," senior midfielder Lindsey Nealon said. "We have to hold our team to higher standards."

Klosterman has been impressed with the way his seniors are becoming role models for his underclassmen.

"All my seniors have been outstanding," Klosterman said. "Team chemistry is good. I also like their approach not just in practice but also in the classroom."

Last year's large freshman class is a year older and, with a year of experience under their collective belts, is looking to make a big difference for Klosterman.

"We have a really big sophomore class that has really matured over the summer," senior defender Megan Jensen said.



The Mavericks open play Friday in Denver against Metro State. UNO's first home game is set for Sept. 10 against Missouri Western. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

Potential starters at forward include senior Jessica Powers, who is moving up from defender to play the position for the first time since high school, and sophomore Jerica Kuncel.

Nealon is the lone senior in the Mavs midfield that is made up of mostly sophomores. Leading will be Hayley Renshaw who was an all-MIAA second team selection as a freshman. Other sophomores include Becca Swanson and Melanie Peterson.

The Mavs will get some additional help with the return of freshman Nicole Baier, who earned a redshirt last year after suffering two ACL injuries.

The back line will be rather young as Megan Jensen will be the only senior defender for the Mavs. Jensen

was a second team all-MIAA pick last year. Other defenders vying for playing time are sophomores Brittany Battaglia and Stephanie Sackett. The Mavs have also added Drake sophomore transfer Maggie Olson.

The battle for goalkeeper will be one to watch as Klosterman expects three players to compete for the starting job. Junior Lauren Fox and senior Elizabeth Odorisio both have starting experience while incoming freshman Caitlin Stier enters UNO with an impressive high school resume.

The Mavs will play their season opener Aug. 28 in Denver against Metro State, with a start time of 7 p.m. CST. The first home game for UNO is Sept. 10 against Missouri Western with a 4 p.m. start time.

## UNO wrestlers among those inducted to Nebraska Black Sports Hall of Fame

ZACH SEASTEDT  
SPORTS EDITOR

UNO wrestling greats George Crenshaw and brothers Mel and Roy Washington were among the 11 new inductees to the Nebraska Black Sports Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony was held Aug. 1 at the North Omaha Boys and Girls Club.

Crenshaw was UNO's first national champion, winning the title in 1963 at 167 pounds. In 1962 he was national runner-up. Crenshaw was state champion as a senior at Omaha Central.

Roy Washington, who changed his name to Dhafir Muhammad, started his career strong finishing runner-up at nationals as a freshman. He went on to become a three-time NAIA wrestling champion, while the NAIA named him most outstanding wrestler twice.

Mel Washington, younger brother of Roy, was the NAIA national champion in 1969 and 1971. He was named the Omaha World-Herald's state college athlete of the year in 1971. The brothers helped UNO take its first NAIA team championship in 1970.

Other inductees were Ernie Britt III, Tom Carodine Sr., Harley Cooper, Fred Farthing, Rich Glover, Russell Harrison, Mallery Ivy and Jon McWilliams.

The 2009 class was the fourth inducted in the hall's history.



## "Omaha's team" finds home at KVNO

JASON SIBSON  
CONTRIBUTOR

The broadcasts of UNO hockey, football and men's and women's basketball, peppered throughout your AM dial for years, are set to share the airwaves of university-run KVNO 90.7 FM beginning at the start of the 2009-10 Maverick athletics season.

A cost-cutting measure for starters, the move to FM will also provide a stronger signal and reach portions of the Omaha metropolitan area previously unable to tune into UNO sporting events. In addition, new Athletic Director Trev Alberts says the collaboration of these once-scattered broadcasts onto one station aides in his department's efforts to increase fan-base and strengthen the bond between the Mavericks and their city.

"We want to be Omaha's team. We believe we are Omaha's team, and we need to do a better job of getting that message out," Alberts says. "We think that KVNO is going to be a great vehicle for us to get that message across."

The move to a university-aided FM station not only promises to strengthen the broadcasts' signal, but the ties between the UNO athletic department and the school as well. The Mavericks' move from

city-run stations to KVNO, Alberts says, will create "a great partnership."

Robert Franklin, director of media operations for KVNO and unofficial captain of the collaboration, sees UNO's student body of aspiring broadcast journalists as another huge beneficiary of the merger.

"We are going to be able to allow students the opportunity to get first-hand experiences in the field of communication and at the same time promote the outstanding student-athletes at our university," Franklin says. "It's exciting for us because it gives our professionals here an opportunity to step up to the plate and show how good their particular training is and has been."

Franklin was certainly steering the ship, but he was not alone in tackling the task of making this unprecedented move a reality. Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Media Gail F. Baker, fellow members of her office, the athletic department staff and the technical staffs at KVNO radio and UNO television were among those contributors he says played an active role in the completion of the project.

"The process of getting the team on board is always challenging, especially when you are planning on doing something

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## Mav Radio to become KVNO's digital sister

JASON SIBSON  
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It's been a New York Yankees-type of off-season for Omaha's only classical radio station.

As university-based KVNO FM-1 gets set to transform into the metro's home for UNO athletics in the fall, KVNO HD2, 90.7-2 on your dial, will become student-run Mav Radio. The dial's digital channel will provide Mavericks fans a home for UNO men's and women's basketball games when UNO hockey is being aired on KVNO.

It's all part of a face lift that has made Omaha's 90.7 FM the city's one-stop shop for UNO hockey, football and basketball.

"This is an example of collaboration in action," says Dr. Gail F. Baker, Dean of the College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media. "Our students, faculty and staff will have a unique opportunity to work together in delivering Maverick athletics to the larger community."

For School of Communication students, Mav Radio will provide an opportunity for them to sink their teeth into the real world of radio. The basketball broadcasts will simply be one component of a programming format that is currently being developed by Mav Radio's student managing team.

"It's essentially a laboratory for

students to experiment and learn," says Josh Krohn, KVNO's production coordinator and graduate student at UNvO who will serve as a main overseer for Mav Radio's production.

Dr. Robert Franklin, director of media operations for KVNO and conductor of Mav Radio's launch, calls the undertaking a win-win situation for the university and the student body. The production team has grabbed this project by the horns, Franklin says, and has done so with unprecedented enthusiasm.

"The student staff of Mav Radio has been intimately involved in the planning process," he says. "I met with the managing team of Mav Radio in the spring and let me tell you, they have ideas and they're very excited about taking Mav Radio to the next level."

"I think you're going to see a degree of excitement that has not yet been seen on this campus."

Mav Radio's official launch is set for Sept. 9. The station's production team plans to fill the broadcasts with satellite programming, likely jazz or blues music, during student holidays and other times where it will not be airing UNO athletics programming.

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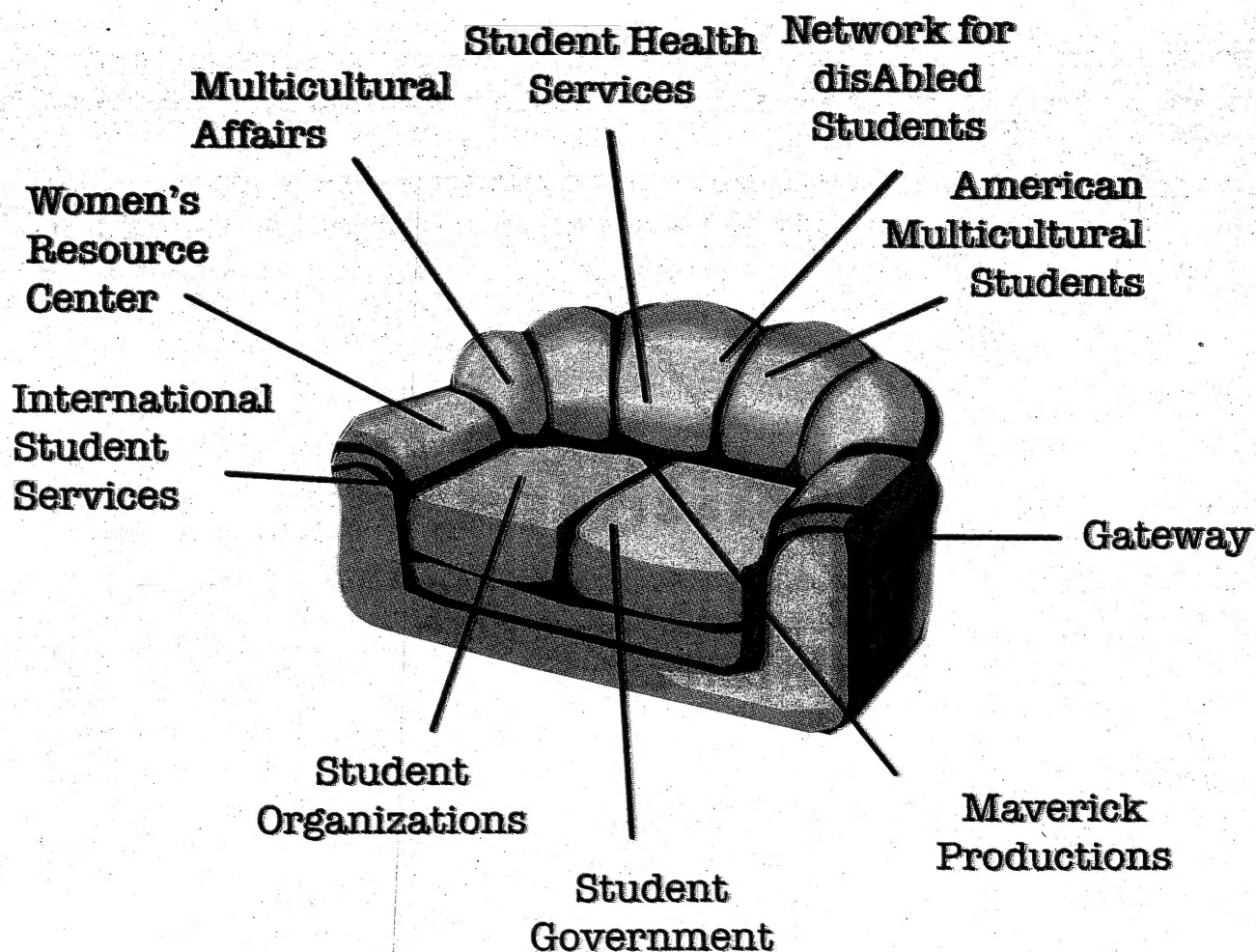
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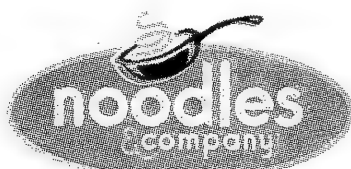
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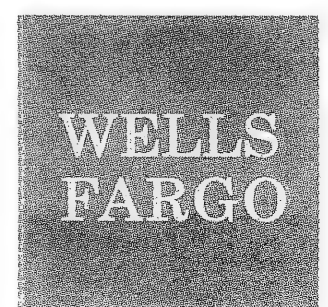
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# Depth, experience key to successful season for volleyball

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SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO volleyball team, featuring the largest roster to date with 17 players under head coach Rose Shires, held its annual Media Day Aug. 18 in Sapp Fieldhouse.

After speaking with members of the media and posing for pictures the team played an intra squad scrimmage, with the White Team prevailing over the Red Team in four sets, 25-18, 25-16, 16-25, 25-20.

Shires enters her 20<sup>th</sup> season at UNO and is only 13 wins short of reaching 400 for her career, all of which have been with the Mavericks.

In 2008, Shires started four freshman but still led the team to a fifth consecutive appearance in the NCAA II Tournament.

"This year's team has much more experience," Shires said. "We had some inexperience last year with four freshman starters and had some growing pains, but I'm happy with the rate we've grown."

The Mavericks played in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association for the first time in 2008. Road trips were not necessarily friendly for Shires and her team.

"We know where to go now," Shires said. "We had to use MapQuest a few times to find some of those gyms."

Even when they did find the gym, the team was not sure what to expect from their competition, something that has changed in 2009.

"We have a good understanding of what level of play it takes to win," Shires said.

Leading the way for the Mavs will be senior middle blocker Ellen Thommes, a 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-MIAA selection after leading the team in total blocks and kills. She believes this year's team will be able to be more successful

after a year of experience in the new conference.

"We didn't really know what to expect," Thommes said. "Now we know and we want to win the conference."

Alongside Thommes will be senior outside hitters Sara Kampschneider and Kelli Goesser who both have starting experience. Also challenging for a spot will be junior Kayla Uhing.

The 2009 Mavs have numerous quality players at each position.

"We are extremely deep and all 17 players are challenging for a position with some great competition going on in practice," Shires said.

Other players with starting experience last year include sophomore middle blockers Lizzy Mach and Brittany Hanssen, sophomore setter Emily Meyers, senior libero Kayla Jansen and sophomore defensive specialist Angie Reicks.

Joining the team will be senior Amanda Iwansky, a defensive specialist who has spent the last four years playing for UNO's soccer team. Coming off three surgeries, Iwansky is ready to take her game from the grass

fields to the hardwood.

"I practiced and played in the spring, so I'm not that bad," Iwansky said. "I'm happy to be back on the court. It was a good break."

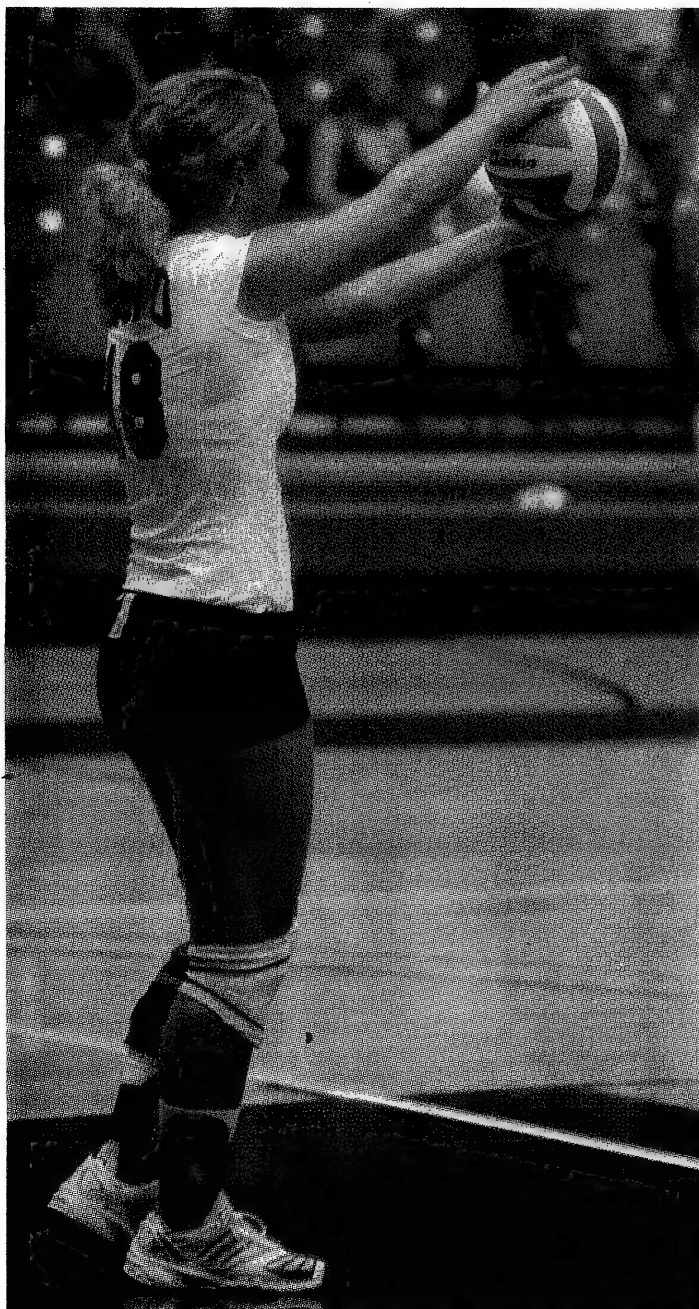
Shires believes that the team is ready to make another run at the NCAA II Tournament.

"We've worked extremely hard to get better, asking for constant and never-ending improvement," Shires said. "We want to make progress and never stop being satisfied with where we're at."

The Mavs start their season at home against Tarleton State University on Aug. 28.

"We have a good understanding of what level of play it takes to win."

-Rose Shires



Freshman Amy Roberts prepares to serve during the intrasquad scrimmage on Aug. 18. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

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# UNO recognized as 2010 Military Friendly school in G.I. Jobs magazine

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UNO has a long history of serving students involved in the military, beginning in the 1950s with the university's Bootstrap program. This program was intended for military students to pull themselves up by their "bootstraps" to continue their education. In the same decade, UNO also began offering classes at Offutt Air Force Base.

Since the '50s, the support from the university has continued with a bachelor's degree in general studies degree growing out of support for the military. The university offers a wide variety of services and benefits for active military and veteran students, said Hayley Patton, manager of Offutt and Off-Campus Programs.

Today, the BGS encourages study in areas of skill military personnel can use throughout their careers. The flexible program also provides experienced advisement tailored to military students, flexibility as well as credit for previous college and military experience, which provides up to 10 credit hours per one year of active duty.

UNO also offers online classes, which are in high demand among servicemen and women.

"Military students have many demands on them, especially with frequent deployments, varying work hours, and moving around regularly, so the online and BGS programs really meet those needs," Patton said. "Another example of this is that UNO is very supportive of military students who must deploy mid-semester with options for refund or an incomplete on their classes."

In covering students' financial needs and expectations concerning the GI bill and other military-specific educational benefits, UNO offers a Veterans Services office on its main campus.

"We have an affordable tuition rate that is fully covered by Air Force tuition assistance and the new Post-9/11 GI Bill and provide in-state tuition to military and their families stationed in Nebraska, keeping costs low for military students," Patton said.

Apart from services on the main campus, UNO continues to offer classes at Offutt Air Force Base, along with an office on the base, which provides many UNO services.

Patton also noted the partnership between STRATCOM and the Peter Kiewit Institute's College of Information Sciences and Technology.

Keeping UNO on the map as a military friendly school is an ongoing effort to better serve those who serve America. With updates in classes and new services, the university will continue to be a presence in educational military support.

With new forums to answer questions and aid students with the Post-9/11 GI bill, in addition to a website focused on adult learners, specifically those in the military, UNO will continue to receive input from current and former military students to improve the program, Patton said.

"By having staff that truly understand and work so closely with military students," she said. "we will just continue to keep our focus on doing everything we can to be and stay military friendly."

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Assistant Hockey Coach Nick Fohr and Associate Athletic Director Don Leahy scan the signatures on a UNO hockey jersey that is up for auction at The Salvation Army and Omaha Fire Department memorial fundraiser held on Aug. 21. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

of college athletics," McCabe said. "It's definitely important to interact with the community as much as possible. They're the ones allowing our program to run the way it is."

Richardson said this was a great way to begin representing the hockey team.

"It's definitely nice to get out into the community and help out," Richardson said. "We're freshmen and just doing our part to help out the community and get recognized as the new Mavericks in town."

Capt. Brent Evanoff appreciated the efforts brought forth by the Mavericks.

"I know each athletic director - from being a citizen here - brings their own leadership style," Evanoff said. "To me, Trev is one to really build upon UNO being here in Omaha and building on the community and getting his athletes out there and giving their support."

Evanoff said their contributions will help honor the firefighters who have died in the line of duty, including their families.

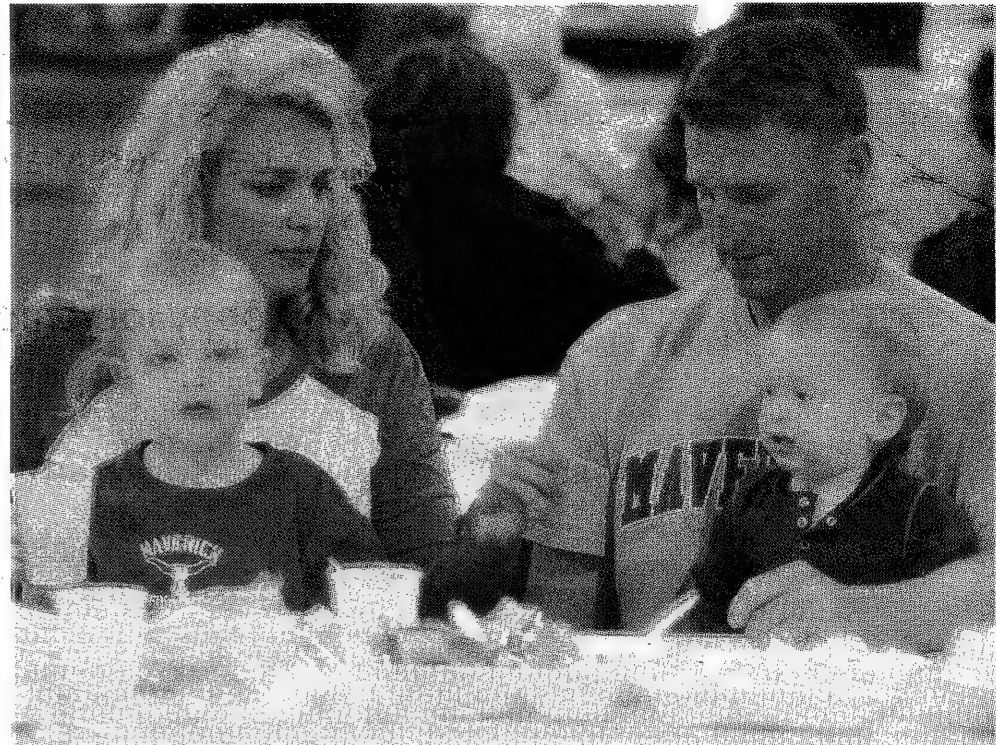
"It's heartwarming to see them come out," he said. "We're excited to be able to honor the 55 firefighters that died on duty in Omaha."

"We take a lot of pride in being out and being a part of the community and trying to make the community a better place," Fohr said.

This was the first community service event freshmen forward recruits Andrew McCabe, Terry Broadhurst, Brandon Richardson and Brent Gwidt participated in as Mavericks.

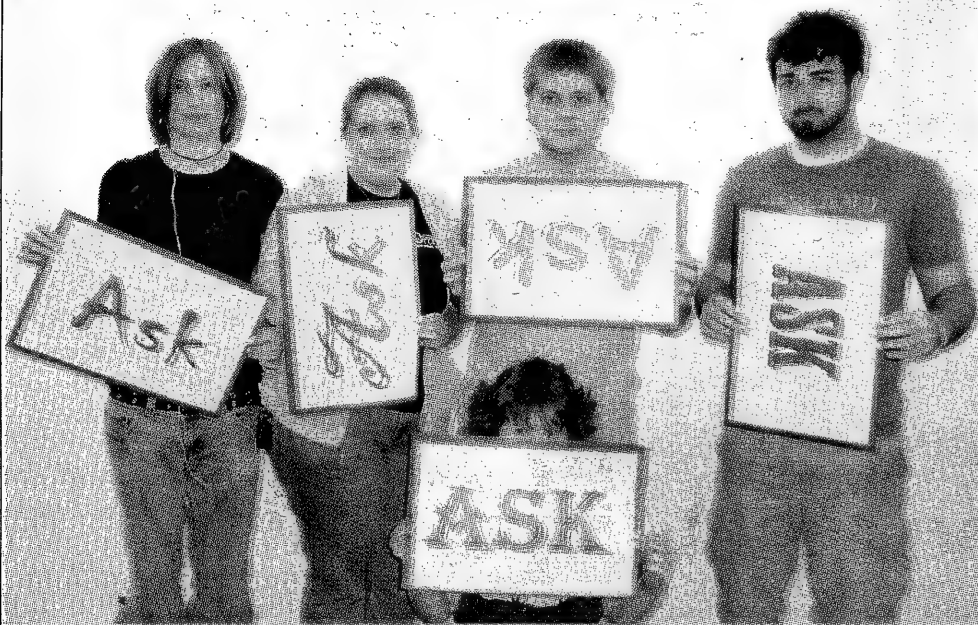
McCabe, who served dinner with his teammates at the event, said he has never been a part of anything like this.

"This is kind of our first taste of the community service aspect of being a part



John Stolinski (top right) and his wife Susie (top left) enjoy dinner with Jack (bottom left) and Luke (bottom right) - two of their children. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

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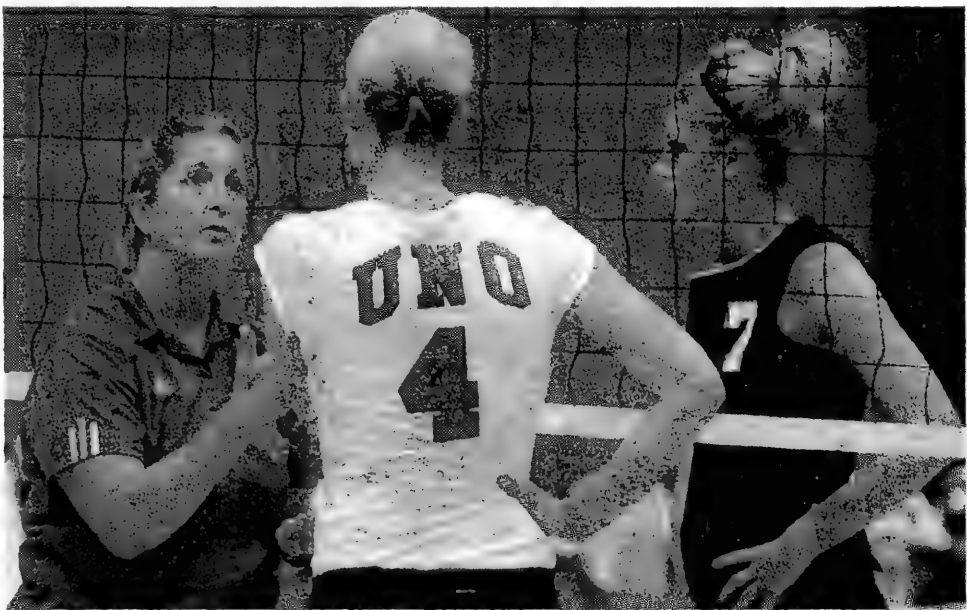
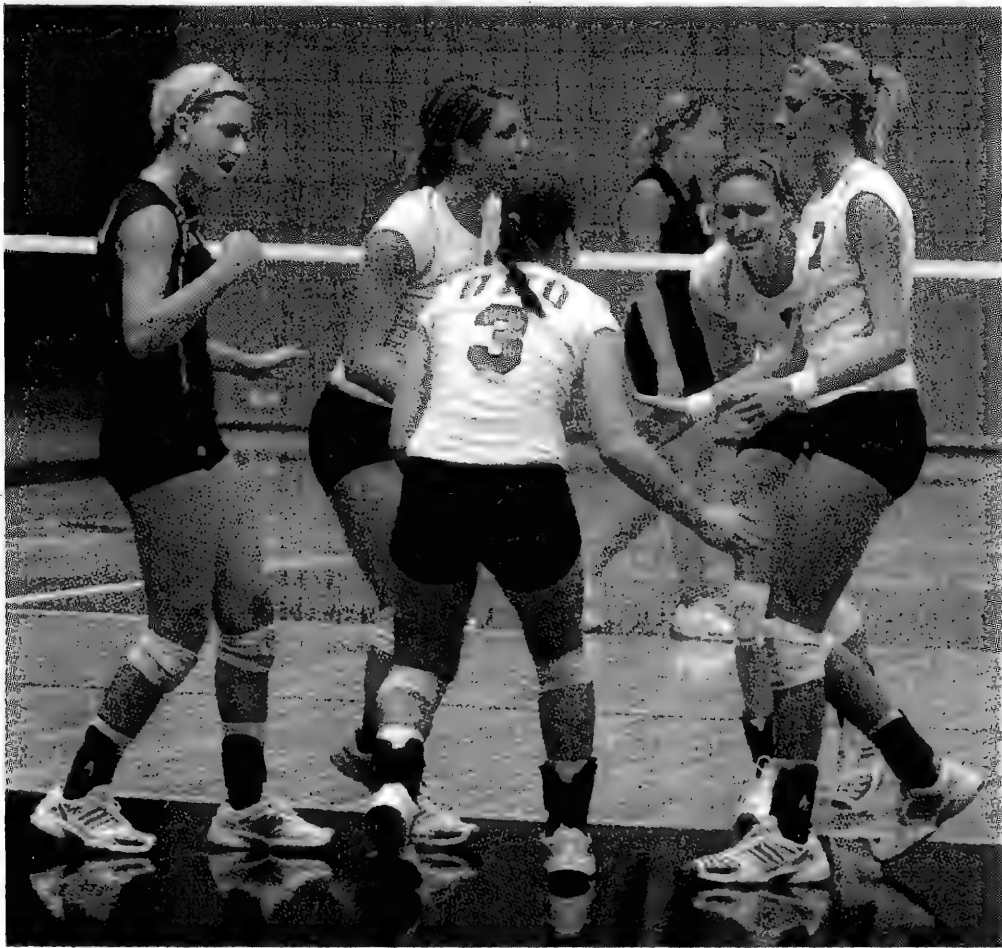
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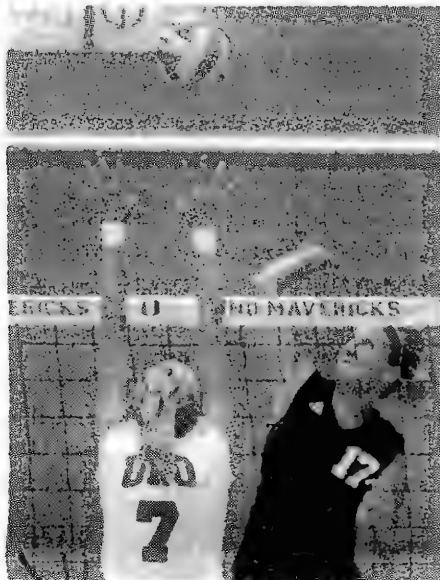


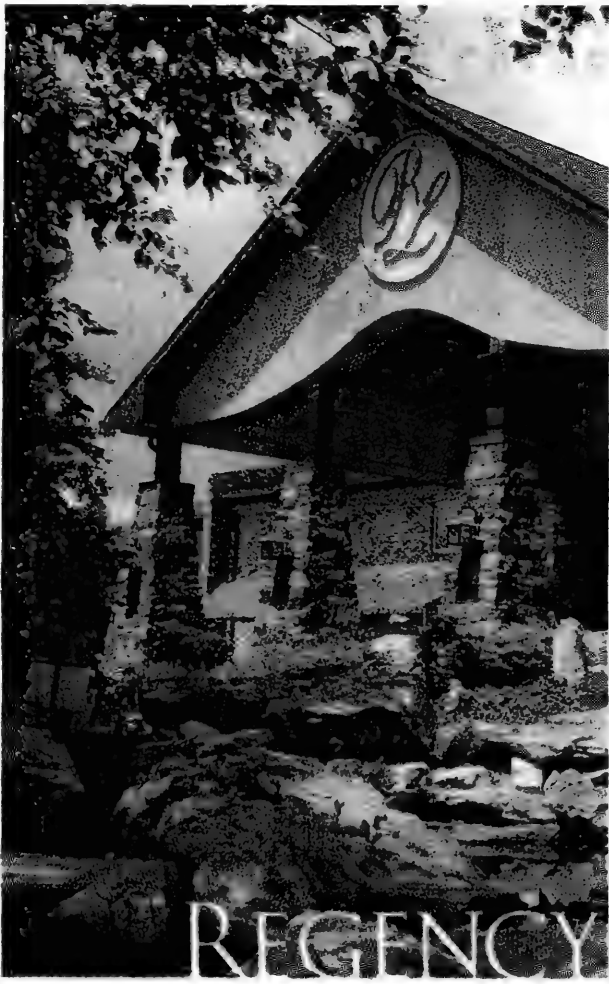
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**Top left:** The Mavs celebrate a point during a scrimmage against the UNO Alumni Saturday night at Sapp Fieldhouse. The Alumni defeated UNO 13-25, 25-23, 25-22, 27-25. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)  
**Top right:** Head coach Rose Shires talks with Emily Myers (center) and Kayla Knobbe (left) during the intrasquad scrimmage on Aug. 18. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)  
**Bottom left:** Senior Kayla Knobbe attempts to block a ball hit by the alumni team's Jewelia Grennan on Saturday. (MICHELLE

BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)  
**Bottom center:** Redshirt freshman Chelsea Snyder (No. 13) and freshman Sydney Fleege (No. 16) attempt to block a ball hit by the alumni team's Jewelia Grennan on Saturday. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)  
**Bottom right:** Natalie Ebke (left) sends the ball into the block of Sydney Fleege (center) and Lizzy Mach (right) during the intrasquad scrimmage on Aug. 18. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)





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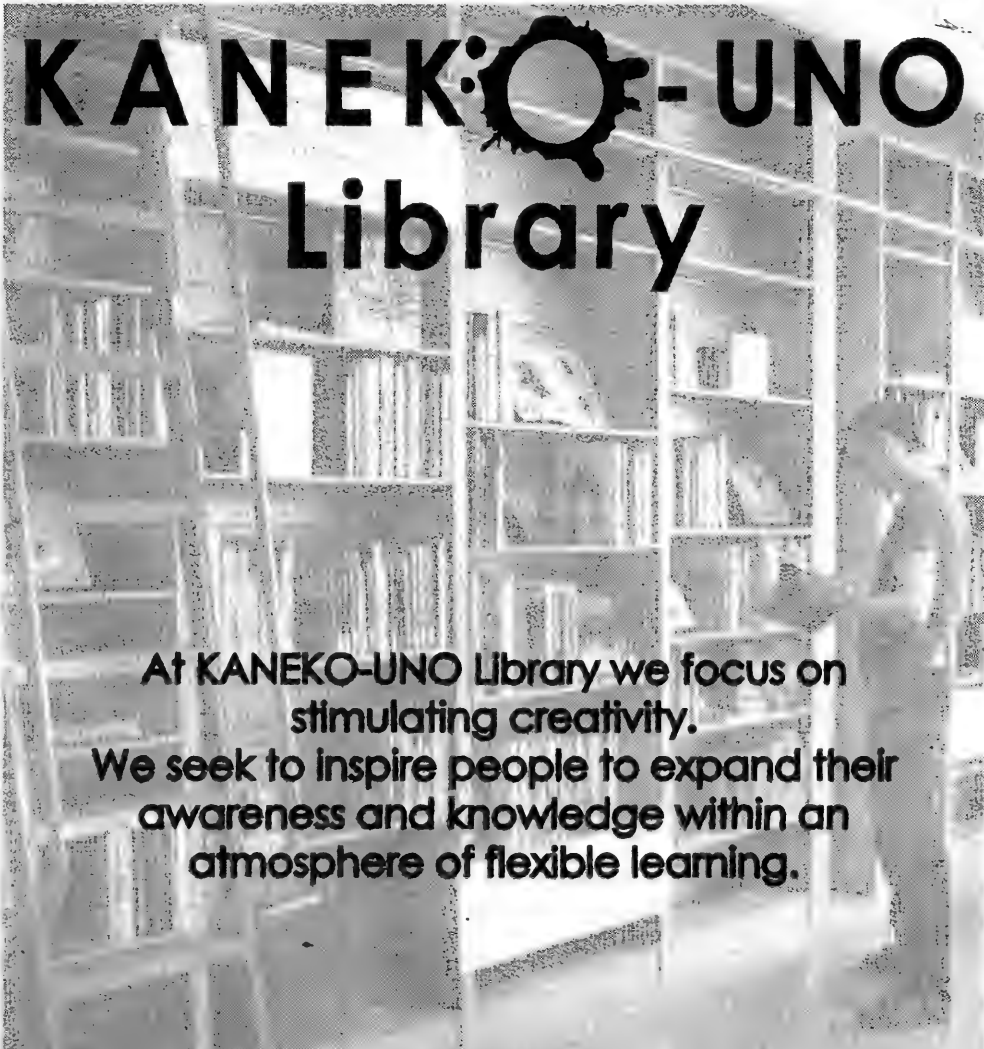
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# New Food Court, Maverick Lounge Await Students

**TOM MCCAULEY**  
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Students returning to UNO this fall will notice some changes to the Milo Bail Student Center. The most striking difference is the revamped food court, complete with new food stations and expanded meal choices.

Construction began in early June on the cafeteria's cooking stations, shrouded from public view by a thin white tarp. If students were hungry during the summer, they had to rely on Grab 'N Go options to fill their stomachs. Now the white tarp has been removed, and a new restaurant lineup has been revealed.

On the front end of the food court are Jasmine's, which serves wok-fired Oriental cuisine over rice and noodles; Cravings, a meat-and-potato place; and Pasado's, a QDoba/Chipotle-style burrito eatery.

Dagwood's Deli, another new restaurant, is inspired by Jimmy John's. Mike Milone, manager of Food Services, said Dagwood's bakes its own French bread daily and features beef, turkey, ham and four-cheese sandwiches.

Returning to the lineup are the American Grill, which serves burgers and chicken strips, and Tomassito's, which serves pizza, pasta, paninis and other Italian-style fare. Greenfield's is the improved salad bar, now featuring romaine lettuce, balsamic vinaigrette, mushrooms, tuna and sliced meats. The Durango Café, where students

may purchase hot dogs, soup and Starbucks coffee, remains the same.

In deciding which foods to serve at the new cooking stations, Milone contacted consulting firms from Colorado and California, as well as Student Government. Milone said Food Services is trying to appeal to vegan and vegetarian students, as well as those who simply want to eat healthier, by

including items such as tofu, black beans and guacamole on the new menus.

"We have to make sure we get healthy and vegetarian food in there," Milone said.

However, Milone said last year's

biggest selling foods were pizza and chicken strips with ranch dressing, both items laden with fat and calories. Milone also said Food Services is working with Cisco, UNO's food supplier, to ascertain the nutritional value of Maverick cuisine and make that information available to students.

In these tough economic times, students and faculty may wonder how funds were raised for remodeling of the food court. Jim Welch, director of the Milo Bail Student Center, said the funds originated from an \$8.5 million bond issue that was set aside in 1995 solely to renovate or renew the Student Center. The new food court used about \$350,000 of that bond while remaining on budget, Welch said.

"We can't use that money for anything else," Welch said. "Not payroll expenses or

anything but renovation."

In addition to the refurbished cafeteria, the new Maverick Lounge is just north of the food court, where the Maverick Buffet used to be. Light from the atrium spills into the lounge, creating a relaxed-yet-alert environment in which students may eat, talk or study at any of several couches, chairs or tables. Or they can just watch TV: two 58-inch flat screen televisions adorn the lounge's north wall.

The lounge, which cost a mere \$10,000 thanks to the reuse of surplus university furniture, was a pet project for Welch.

"One of my philosophies is have as much lounge space as possible," he said,

adding if he were a student, he thinks that's what he'd want.

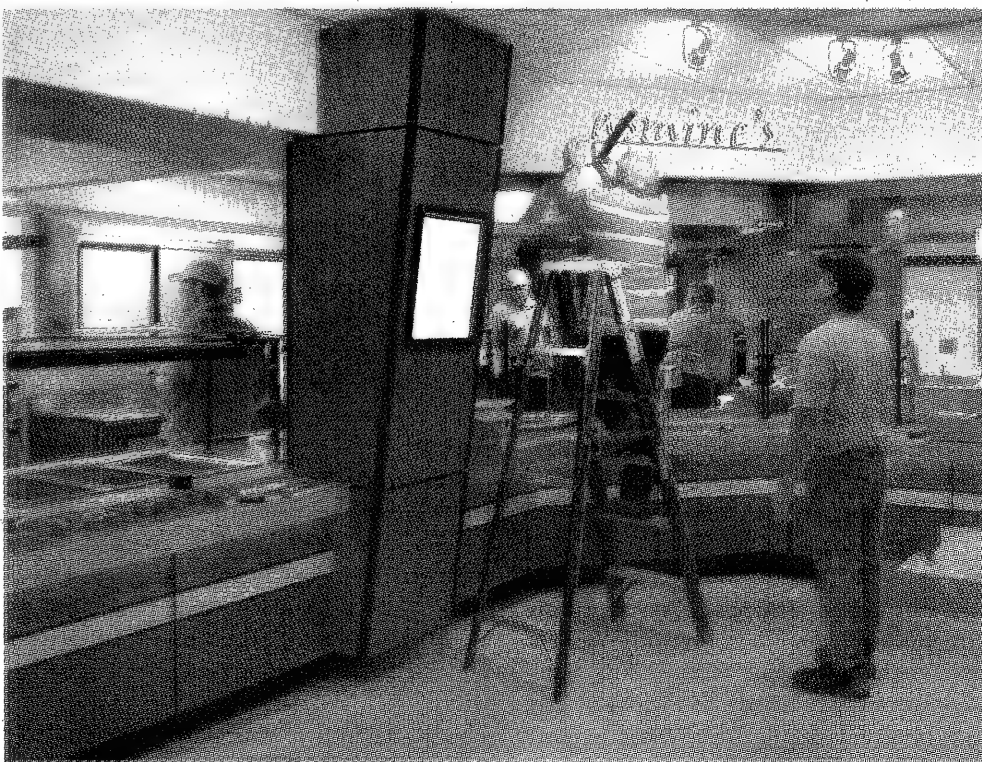
For the first time since the mid-'90s, the Ballroom and Nebraska Room were also renovated, Welch said. New lights and carpeting, a fresh paint job and ceiling-hung retractable projectors augment the rooms, which are used for everything from special presentations and formal dinners to concerts and high school proms.

Welch said all these changes and improvements are necessary for the Student Center to thrive now and into the future:

"The last thing you want to do is, in 20 years, come to a building that's totally rundown."

**"One of my philosophies is have as much lounge space as possible."**

*-Jim Welch*



The revamped food court will offer healthier menu selections and provide students, faculty and staff with a more comfortable atmosphere. (MIKE BELL/ THE GATEWAY)

## Ben Nelson Addresses Nebraskans' Health Care Concerns

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Nebraska Sen. Ben Nelson addressed health care legislation at the first of six statewide town hall meetings at the Durham Research Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center on Wednesday.

"This is a very important issue facing everyone today," Nelson said. "Concerns of one kind or another are quite obvious."

The public meeting was preceded by an invitation-only panel discussion.

The agenda topics for the panel discussion included explanations of current proposals for reform, how reform will affect

the country, the impact on the health care workforce, as well as what may lie ahead.

The public meeting had a turnout of more than 1,000 citizens. Only 350 were admitted to the auditorium, 100 were put into an overflow room and an estimated 600 listened from outside via loudspeaker.

Members of the attending public were very vocal in expressing their concerns, hopes and problems with the potential health care legislation.

Volunteers for Organizing for America and Change That Works showed up with banners, shirts and signs declaring "Medicare for all." The groups have been canvassing neighborhoods looking to

identify supporters as well as take record of the public's concerns.

"We've been working pretty hard," said Kieran McCarney, 25. "Our goals are several-fold. We want to see meaningful health care passed. We want to see Sen. Nelson take a visible role in that."

Many people held signs and waved banners with such slogans as "Don't tread on me," "Help us!" and "When the people fear the government, it's tyranny. When the government fears the people, it's liberty." All politically charged materials were confiscated from those who made it into the building.

Citizen outrage was apparent.

"We're fed up," Elden Odell said. "And they can even send an ACORN thug to my house to beat me up for saying that, so be it. The guy [Ben Nelson] is a liar, like everyone in the Senate. I'm sick of it. I'm sick of his tap dancing."

Odell was put on Medicare when he retired but did not want it.

"I've never been a beggar," he said.

Both Odell and his son Brad fervently oppose reform to the current system, saying it would be socialist in nature.

"There's not going to be any choice," Brad Odell said. "Millions of people are going to get dumped on the government plan. That's not an option. It's government control. In the last six months, the constitution has been shredded."

Many of the citizens expressed the sentiment of health care being a right, not a privilege.

"There are so many people in this country not fortunate enough to get employer-based coverage," said Wendy Monbouquette, 54. "It's an implied right, like education and military protection. We have a right for health care coverage for everyone."

"I think Ben Nelson is in a great position to be a leader because of his knowledge of the insurance industry," she added. "He can find a solution."

Not everyone was so confident in Nelson's abilities to solve the health care reform debate.

"I don't know why anyone is worried about Ben Nelson supporting a single pair system," said Kevin Flatowicz - Farmer, 32, a UNO student. "He supports where the money comes from. Maybe if he supported Nebraska instead of the packs who put him



Protestors gathered outside of the health-care forum featuring Sen. Ben Nelson at the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Durham Research Center on Wednesday. (MIKE BELL/ THE GATEWAY)

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# Iowa athletes tread carefully in social networking

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With people posting photos on social-networking websites such as Facebook and MySpace every day and the recent public infatuation with Twitter, those in the public eye have become more susceptible to the press and the public paying attention to their every move.

Student-athletes at Iowa might know better than most that they are not immune to the social-networking trap.

"In the past few years, social networking has become something that we as a staff have had to pay close attention to," said Peter Gray, the associate director of Athletics Student Services. "It is definitely something we take very seriously, and we have made our athletes aware of what we expect of them when using those sites."

Unsecured social-networking sites of Hawkeye athletes started a media fire storm following the arrests and suspensions of former football receivers Dominique Douglas and Anthony Bowman, after they were charged with spending more than \$2,000 in purchases to with a credit card belonging to someone else.

Photos soon surfaced in the public eye from Douglas' Facebook page of the athletes with liquor bottles and handfuls of cash. Ensuing investigations found several unlocked, unprotected Facebook pages of Iowa athletes — many of them containing photos of underage Iowa athletes involved with alcohol.

Before the start of the 2008 fall semester, Gray said, the athletics administration made it a part of its normal routine to inform athletes about the dangers of social networking and the consequences they could face if they were to violate the school's Code of Conduct.

Iowa does not put any restrictions on its athletes as far as using social-networking sites, but every athlete has a general code of conduct he or she must follow. As do many universities, Iowa puts the majority of the responsibility on its student-athletes to make educated decisions about what they decide to post on their sites.

Iowa junior forward Jarryd Cole said he tries to be aware of his surroundings when he is around large groups of people with cameras.

"You just have to do the right thing at all times and keep a positive image of yourself," he said. "Coach [Todd] Lickliter gives us a lot of freedom, but he warns us about potential situations that could make us look bad even if we didn't do anything wrong."

Hawkeye junior guard Kachine Alexander said she makes sure all of the pictures of her do not depict anything that would reflect poorly on her image.

"You might not be doing anything in the picture, but someone else might be in the background," she said. "You are the image of Iowa when you are an athlete here. You represent the staff, your coaches, and your teammates."

She is wary about accepting friend requests from people she is not familiar with, she said.

Northwestern University has a requirement that every student-athlete must accept friend requests from those on the coaching staff.

"We do that so there is some transparency for the staff," said Noreen Morris, Northwestern senior associate athletics director in student-athlete welfare. "Many of our coaches periodically monitor their teams and check to make sure things are as we like to see them."

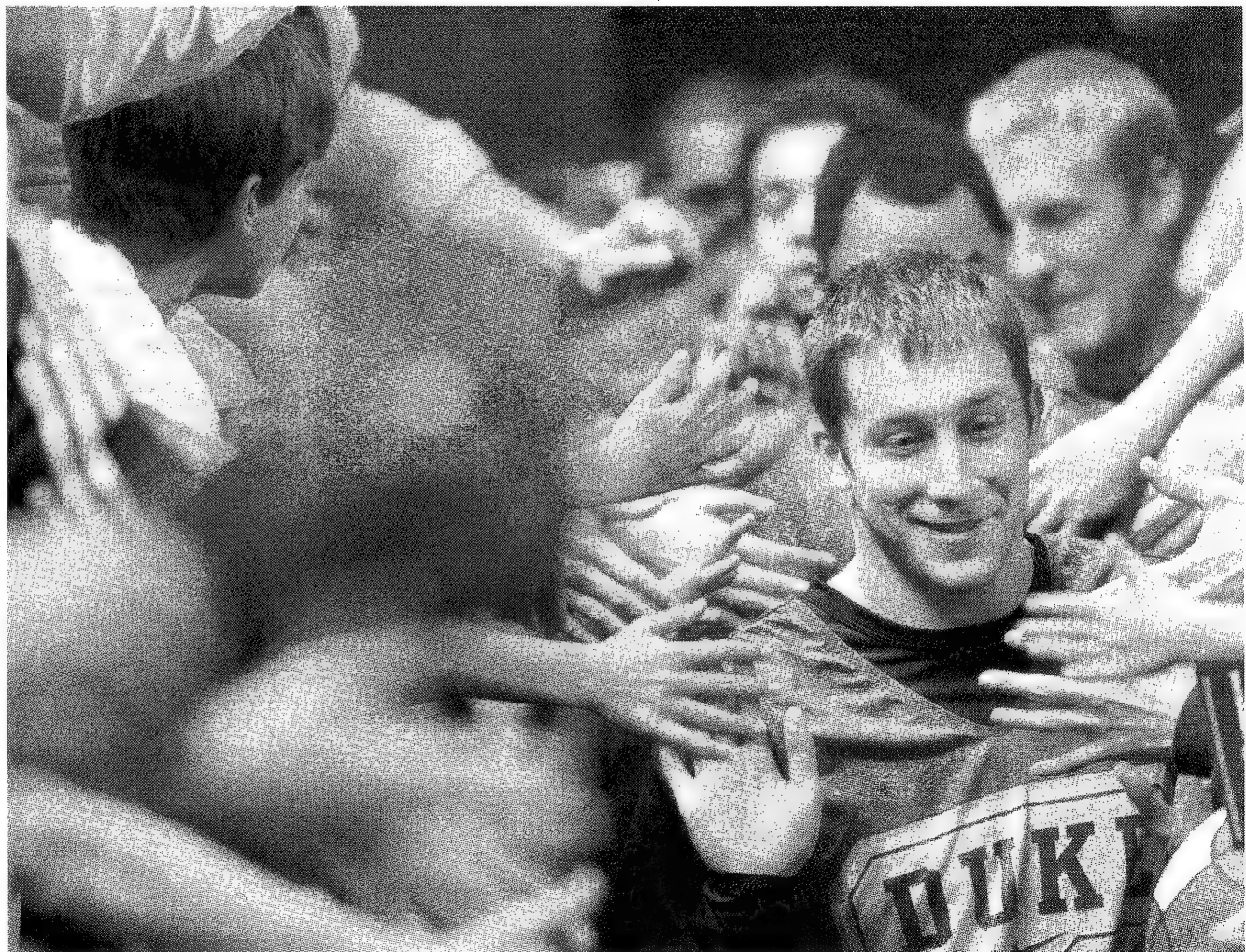
Gray said the Iowa staff has neither the people nor the time to monitor every athlete's social-networking activity. But officials do conduct periodic random checks.

Each Iowa student-athlete must now sign a contract acknowledging he or she understands the school's Internet-use policies. The contract touches on the school's expectations, recommended actions when using social networking, and consequences for violating the contract.

Since the administration decided to personally inform student-athletes about its social networking policies, there have not been any violations.

"I feel like most of them know where the line is about what is appropriate to post online," Gray said. "The past year proved that, and I can only expect that the good behavior will continue."

# Former Duke star Greg Paulus set to lead a different school in a different sport



Dukes, Greg Paulus wades through fans on his way to the court for the Blue Devils' workout on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at Greenboro Coliseum in Greensboro, North Carolina. (ROBERT WILLETT/RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER/MCT)

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(MCT)

When Greg Paulus took an official visit to Syracuse, his hometown school, back in April, it was no ordinary tour. Paulus wasn't a 17-year-old kid getting wooed by big-time coaches who wanted to show off the new locker rooms.

Paulus was different. A big-time athlete, still, but a 21-year-old who had finished four years at Duke, playing for Mike Krzyzewski in the storied basketball program. Paulus, the Gatorade national player of the year in football in 2005, was looking to try his hand at the first sport he excelled in, with one year of NCAA eligibility left and a chance to play football professionally, something a 6-foot guard with intangibles but not elite skills could not do in basketball.

So he got a different sort of tour, one that new head coach Doug Marrone had to devise on the fly for this different sort of recruit.

"It was more about how we watch film, how he broke down the reads from his high-school playbook. How he processed the plays from our book we gave him," Marrone said. "From there, it was really only about, 'Can this guy do it, physically?' All the other questions were answered that day."

And now, after only nine practices, the performance questions have been answered. On Tuesday, Marrone named Paulus the Syracuse starting quarterback. So when the Orange takes the field for the season opener on Sept. 5 against Minnesota, Paulus will lead his new team.

"I haven't played in a few years, so I'm not going into this thinking I have it all down," Paulus said. "I feel fortunate and blessed to have this opportunity. First, to have played Duke basketball for four years, and now to play football here, in my hometown."

Paulus is not exactly going from one elite program to another. He was

the poster boy for Duke-haters during his time there, a stretch in which the Blue Devils never got deeper into the NCAA Tournament than the Sweet 16, a slump by their standards.

But now, at the school which he spurned for basketball to head to the ACC, he's got one year to make himself a pro prospect while the Orange try and rebuild from the ground up. Syracuse won 10 games the last four seasons under Greg Robinson, now the defensive coordinator at Michigan; Marrone, a Bronx native and Syracuse alum, has inherited barely anything from the previous regime.

So Paulus didn't exactly beat out Donovan McNabb for the starter's job. He merely came in after sophomore Ryan Nassib was named starter in the spring and took the spot. "My job is to win football games," Marrone said. "We like all our quarterbacks here. Greg gives us the best chance to win now."

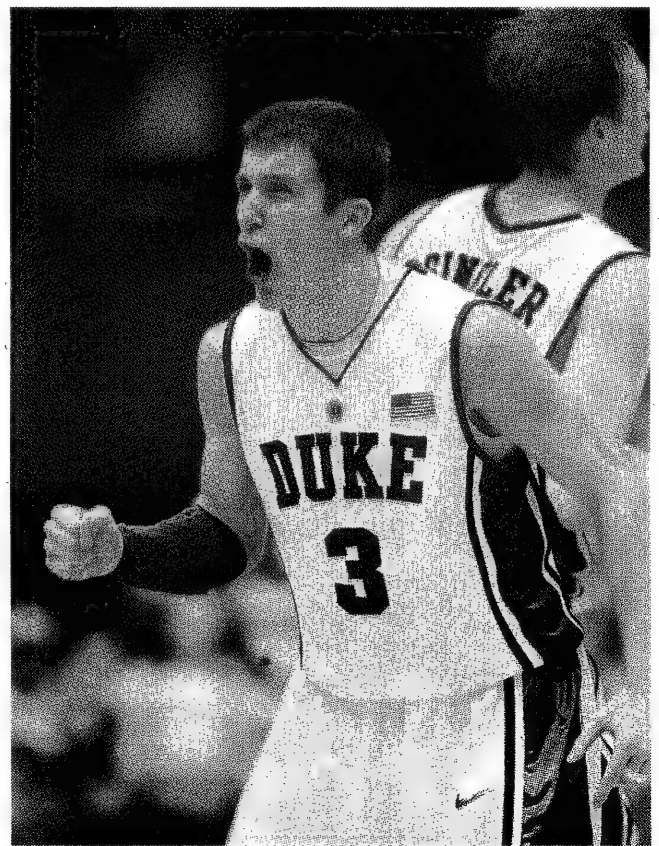
For Paulus, the one-year experiment has lots of pluses. He is in a graduate broadcast journalism program at the Newhouse School of Communications to further his hopes as a sports announcer. The Packers invited him in for a workout in the early spring, so a decent season might get him a shot at the NFL. He also wants to coach, either football or

basketball, at some point.

"If I can do anything in (one of those three) categories, I'd be really excited about it," Paulus said. "(The starter's job) is one of the goals I wanted to accomplish. Now, it's on to the next one."

If anything, Marrone has a mature athlete who's handled life in the spotlight already — and as America's villain at times. That alone should help in Week 2, when the Orange head to Happy Valley and face Penn State.

"When you hear people talk about the quarterback position, it's not always about skill first," Marrone said. "You talk about leadership, those type of characteristics. Greg is a highly competitive, veteran, Division I athlete. That's going to help us a lot this year."



Duke guard Greg Paulus reacts as the Blue Devils pull ahead of Miami in overtime at Cameron Indoor Stadium in Durham, North Carolina, Saturday, February 7, 2009. (CHUCK LIDDY/RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER/MCT)



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# Pelini, Cornhuskers hope second year is a charm

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The Jump is real. Just ask Oklahoma, Ohio State or Florida.

Each school won a national championship in its second year with a new head coach.

Year two under the leadership of coach Bo Pelini is an important time for a Cornhusker program attempting to return to consistent success. Improved team chemistry and development as well as a better understanding of team expectations could set Nebraska's players up for a big season.

"This is the most excited we've been heading into camp since we've been here," junior defensive end Pierre Allen said. "We set the bar high last year."

The Jump isn't a magical occurrence based entirely on luck. It requires relentless effort and dedication as well as a solid foundation established in year one.

"We're worried about putting in a good, hard day's work every single day and keep putting that money in the bank, so when it comes to Saturday, we're prepared and ready to go," coach Bo Pelini said at the Big 12 media days last month.

Is NU ready to cash in and enjoy The Jump?

"This team is poised for that moment," tight ends coach Ron Brown said. "The second year is very important. You make a big jump. When you get something under your belt and you get your paradigms figured out, you're able to discover your identity."

Brown compares the shift to a flywheel. A team slowly builds its momentum, and when things start to click and that momentum kicks in, it's a hard force to stop.

After a 9-4 season that ended with a four-game winning streak and a gritty Gator Bowl win over Clemson, NU entered winter workouts and spring practices with

considerable momentum.

That run also earned the Huskers a No. 22 preseason ranking and predictions that NU will return to the Big 12 title game this fall.

Those expectations start with a foundation established in year one. Establishing the right blueprint for winning is vital, especially considering the fact most players in the program will need to buy in right away for progress to occur.

One of the first things Pelini attempted to improve when he took over in December 2007 was player accountability.

Senior receiver Menelik Holt said the emphasis on being responsible has improved team chemistry - which is essential for The Jump - and brought forth significant changes from the years under Bill Callahan.

"Callahan, he's an NFL guy," Holt said. "He'd say things like, 'I shouldn't have to tell you how to be a man, you're old enough now.' I feel like a coach can't force team chemistry, and we had a lot of

individual guys back then."

Since most players on the team weren't recruited by their current position coaches, a coach's ability to make players buy into the new system is vital for getting back on the right track.

Ndamukong Suh is the shining example of a player recruited by Callahan's staff who benefitted from the coaching change. The former four-star prospect finally lived up to his potential in his breakout junior season and is now considered a top-5 - and possibly top overall - selection in next year's NFL Draft.

"I found a new level last year," Suh said at last month's Big 12 media days. "As a freshman and a sophomore, I wasn't in tune with my fundamentals, and I was just trying to use my strength. But in this day and age, with everybody being 'freaks,' everybody is as strong as you. You have to get back to fundamentals."

Suh could have gone pro last year and

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# A scramble to flood market with Brett Favre Minnesota Vikings jerseys: Favrewear in stores within hours of deal

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PIONEER PRESS, ST. PAUL, MINN.(MCT)

Aug. 24--"Brett Favre to the Minnesota Vikings."

The executives at MainGate Inc., the team's official retailer and merchandiser, had endured false alarms in previous months.

But around 11 a.m. EDT last Tuesday at their Indianapolis headquarters, they activated their long-established plan to flood the market with all things Favre -- T-shirts, jerseys, pint glasses and mini footballs bearing his image among them.

Those items were easy, but there was a far more daunting challenge: getting jerseys from Reebok's Indianapolis plant to the team's three Minnesota Vikings Locker Room stores in the Twin Cities by the opening of business Wednesday morning.

Contrary to perceptions, Reebok -- the NFL's official apparel maker -- didn't mass-produce in advance a No. 4 Vikings jersey bearing Favre's name. MainGate received advance approval for many graphics in anticipation of Favre possibly joining the Vikings and assigned a stock-keeping-unit for various items before Tuesday.

As Favre signed a two-year, \$25 million contract around lunchtime in a Winter Park office, flanked by coach Brad Childress and vice presidents Rick Spielman and Rob Brzezinski, Vikings chief marketing officer Steve LaCroix popped into a neighboring office and provided the green light necessary to start the printing process at Reebok's Indianapolis plant.

The first jersey rolled out about 2 p.m.

The next challenge was how MainGate would get the jerseys to Twin Cities.

"People have an appetite for this right away," said Blake Lundberg, the vice president and general manager of the Sports License Division at Reebok. "We want to get into the market as much as we can, as soon as we can."

"Strike while it's hot."

To that end, MainGate didn't want to risk having the first batch sent on an airplane. The company preferred to drive to get the jerseys -- but its drivers were already booked for other trips.

So Ned Walliser volunteered for the

assignment.

Walliser was supposed to coach his son's Little League baseball game that night in suburban Indianapolis. Instead, he drove 1,700 Favre jerseys in one of MainGate's box vans, leaving Reebok's plant late in the evening.

He drove 12 hours straight, never topping the posted speed limits, and stopped only twice for gas.

Around 7 a.m., he pulled into the vast parking lot at IKEA, across the street from the Mall of America, which includes the main Minnesota Vikings Locker Room store.

Walliser is a senior vice president and one of MainGate's co-owners.

"Man, there's no bigger news than Favre coming back, and especially in purple," Walliser said. "And for us to be involved, we just feel honored to be a part of it."

"If we didn't have anybody else to go, then hey, it's my turn to get behind the wheel," he said.

Bruce Lynch, who caught the first

flight from Indianapolis to the Twin Cities on Wednesday morning, joined Walliser in distributing jerseys into two other vans to be driven to the team's other two stores.

They are proud each store had a healthy stock by the time doors opened at 10 a.m.

After getting some sleep, Walliser hopped back into his box van and headed back toward Indianapolis when he realized something: He hadn't eaten.

"I didn't even think about it," he said. "You have business on your mind."

On the road, Walliser passed another van delivering another batch of jerseys.

Two days after Favre's signing, MainGate's headquarters is still hopping.

"Most of us were running on adrenaline," company CEO Dave Moroknek said. "But it's good to see a good designed plan executed."

MainGate has plenty of clients, among them Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the New Jersey Nets and the St. Louis Rams. But Moroknek isn't complaining about the early fruits of this relationship with the

Vikings, announced in July.

"As they say, it's all about timing in life," Moroknek said. "Sometimes, it's better to be lucky than good."

"This is a 10-year agreement," Moroknek said, "but this is a wonderful way to start our relationship off."

At Reebok, Lundberg is optimistic about Favre as a Viking. His company is treating the signing like "the Super Bowl," he said, with his plants in Indianapolis and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, running "24/7."

Besides, he said, Minnesota is a great market.

"Go to a game and see how much licensed apparel is in the stadium," Lundberg said of the Metrodome. "It's not that way at every stadium."

"One of our biggest events was when the Twin last won a World Series," Lundberg said. "You guys have great fans there, so it could be a good year for us, if the Vikings do well and win the Super Bowl."



Brett Favre, center, holds a Minnesota Vikings' jersey during a press conference, Tuesday, August 18, 2009, in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. (JERRY HOLT/MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/MCT)

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learning opportunities to further develop his career.

"No matter where you start on the railroad, whether in finance, marketing and sales, technology, engineering or any other department, the daily challenge is how much you continue to learn," Duffy said. "The more you know, the more you can contribute, and that opens up a wealth of opportunities."

Duffy credited his time at UNO for instilling this sense of learning in him, as well as other UNO graduates who are also Union Pacific employees.

"Our company is more successful because of that," Duffy said.



(MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)



UNO Alumnus Dennis Duffy, executive vice president of operation at Union Pacific, (middle) is accepting the Citation of Alumnus Achievement Award on Aug. 14, with Chancellor John Christiansen (Right). (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

# Voices of Honor Tour Addresses Inequities of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"

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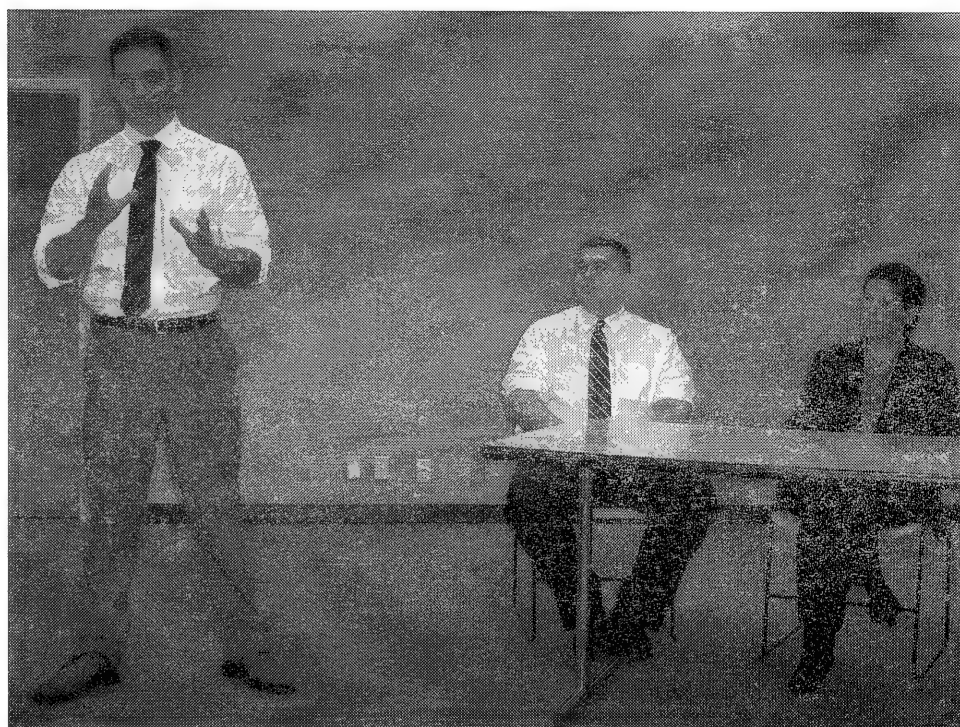
The Voices of Honor tour, a panel of speakers discussing repeal of Pub. L. 103-160, better known as the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law came to the Omaha Public Library downtown branch on Aug. 21. Panelists were Alex Nicholson, Julie Mendoza, Jarrod Chlapowski, and Stephen Vossler. Service Members United and the Human Rights Campaign are the tour sponsors. The tour will reach 15 cities in five weeks.

"I came from a military family. It was something I'd always wanted to do, even though I knew I was gay going in," said Alex Nicholson, executive director of Service Members United.

Pub. L. 103-160 started as a regulatory policy after World War II, Nicholson said.

"The rationale behind it started out as gays and lesbians were security threats who were more likely than anyone else to succumb to espionage threats from rival powers," he said.

Later, in the '60s, the rationale changed as gays and lesbians were deemed "mentally ill" and therefore unfit to serve in the military. The rationale change in the '80s became the basis for the current law, which is, "the presence of gays and lesbians in the military undermines unit cohesion," Nicholson said.



Panel member Jarrod Chlapowski speaks at the Voices of Honor tour as fellow panel members Alex Nicholson and Julie Mendoza listen in. (NOELLE LYNN BLOOD/THE GATEWAY)

"The theory behind it," he continued, "is that the presence of a gay person in the military is going to be so disruptive to the people they're serving with, that it's going to impair the morale of the other people in the unit and therefore impair the combat readiness of that unit."

In 1993, Bill Clinton vowed to get the policy repealed. However, this set off a backlash with conservatives, who convinced him they had enough Congressional votes to override his executive order. Basically, this forced Clinton to codify the policy into law.

Since 1994, more than 12,500 men and women have been discharged under this law.

Nicholson himself was discharged after only one year of service as a human intelligence collector for the U.S. Army. He did not discuss his sexuality with anyone. His family didn't even know. He abided by Pub. L. 103-160, but that didn't keep him safe.

"People start to guess, if you're not dating a female," he said. "They try to set you up with their friends and you're sort of, 'Thanks, but no thanks.' They start to get a hunch."

One of Nicholson's friends outed him out of spite.

He thought he understood the law, but was discharged despite

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## Borrowing for your future: Student loans are an expensive reality for many

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(MCT) - Getting the first loan seems a little bit like magic. For students who can't afford the school of their choice, student loans are a viable alternative. Apply for a loan and the money seems to appear as if out of thin air. But after the second one, it begins to sink in. At some point, the money has to be paid back. All of it.

"Even though right now I'm set on going into a secure field, I still constantly feel the weight on my shoulders," said Cecilia Wright, a pre-med student at Yale University. "Knowing that I will automatically owe money when I graduate is daunting."

Between the 2000-01 and 2006-07 school years, the College Board Trends in Student Aid report estimated 60 percent of recipients of bachelor's degrees borrowed money to pay for their education, with an average debt of about \$22,700.

In the current economic environment, paying for school is a more difficult issue than ever, and no one feels it more than students whose parents are unable to provide a helping financial hand in their college years.

"The U.S. Department of Education has reported that more than a million more financial aid FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) applications were filed during the first quarter of 2009 compared to the first quarter of 2008 — a 20.8-percent increase," said Allesandra Lanza, public relations manager for American Student Assistance (ASA), a loan guarantor that now serves as a source of information for students as they go through the loan application and repayment process.

But FAFSA, which uses a household's financial information to estimate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), does not always cover all college costs. Many students must take out loans for what FAFSA does not cover.

Lisa Westermann, a spokesperson for financial services company Wells Fargo, said they had given a total of \$30.5

billion in student loans by the end of 2008, serving 2.4 million families. According to its Web site, Wells Fargo originates more than \$4 billion per year in private and federal loans.

College students across the country must answer the same question — how are they going to pay it all back?

With the current economic crisis at hand, current students face an unsteady job market, and loan repayments could be more difficult than ever.

"We are certainly starting to see a rise in more people having difficulties repaying their loans because of the economy," Lanza said.

Lanza said a projection from the Department of Education predicts the cohort default rate, which tracks loan recipients in their first two years of repayment, will rise to 6.9 percent from last year's 5.2.

Wright, an upcoming junior, is fortunate to attend a school with an impressive endowment of \$22.9 billion, according to the Yale University Investments Office. Thanks to Yale's financial assistance program, she has been released from much of the burden of paying her tuition, which next year will rise 3.3 percent to \$47,500.

However, she is still forced to take out between \$5,000 and \$6,000 each year in loans to pay for living costs such as room and board, travel and food, despite Yale's generous endowment. Wright had to borrow \$9,000 for her freshman year, before the school changed its financial aid program.

"I'll still owe around \$24,000 when I graduate, even before I go to medical school," Wright said.

Wright plans to have a career with a large earning potential, but as with anything, there are no guarantees.

"What if I decide halfway through medical school that I no longer want to be a doctor? Then I'm stuck with the debt and no way to pay it back," Wright said.

Kimberly Kroll, 20, is a rising junior at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., ranked by Forbes magazine as the most expensive university in the

country. Finding the funds can be especially difficult for students at a school where the total cost of attendance (tuition, room, board, etc.) for the 2008-2009 school year for some students reached as high as \$56,000.

Kroll has to borrow \$14,000 per year to pay for George Washington. That is even after the scholarships and grants that made it possible for her only to have to borrow that much — though \$14,000 per year is no small number. Tack on about \$2,000 and you can buy a brand-new Honda Civic Coupe — for each year of college.

"I am a little afraid of getting it paid back because I'm afraid of not getting a job after school, or if I decide to go to grad school and don't get scholarships," Kroll said. "I want to go to law school after school, if I can pay for it."

Rachel Robins, 28, an auditor in her fifth year with Ernst & Young LLP, took out a loan to pay a portion of her tuition for her last two years of college, as well as her masters program in accountancy the following year in 2004, both at Auburn University in Alabama.

"For me, I would say the benefit of taking out the loan very much outweighed the burden of the current monthly payment that I make," Robins said.

Even with more jobs requiring some form of advanced post-baccalaureate degree, there has not been a significant change in graduate enrollment.

"The number of students going to grad school now versus 20 years ago is very much the same," said Jane Wellman, executive director of the Delta Project on postsecondary education.

The same students who take out loans for undergraduate education are likely going to have to take out more loans for graduate school. These students must ask themselves if it is worth the financial risk.

"I think loans are not a terrible investment for any student. If a student is going to be successful, then the loan is going to pay off. You have to ask yourself though, if you are a student in a high-risk situation is borrowing money a

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## Government intervention needed in health care reform

A couple weeks ago, I sent the following letter to President Obama, Vice President Biden, Sens. Ben Nelson and Mike Johanns and congressman Lee Terry.

"This summer I purchased health insurance for the first time in my life. I pay \$60 a month for what I hope is good coverage should anything unforeseen happen. I am a full-time college and work-study student. I am not in poor health by a long shot, but my mother is. She has a 40 pound, possibly cancerous, tumor in her ovary. On Friday she will undergo a surgery that may kill her.

Thankfully, the state has made her a charity case, so she will not go deeper into debt than we already are - a debt my mother inherited from my father when he killed himself when I was one month old. "What would have been for my mom an easily treatable condition three years ago has blossomed into a real menace. Because she was not covered under a public health care system like they have in Canada and England, the tumor grew and has destroyed her quality of life. In a few days doctors will operate on her for several hours, trying not to puncture the tumor's hair-thin membrane lest she develop peritonitis and die. They may find that the tumor is cancerous, in which case my mother would have a 34 percent 10-year survival rate.

"I am incredibly distressed by this, as you can imagine. What sickens me is how out of hand her health has gotten just because she could not afford coverage, but what really, really sickens me is how insurance companies are trying to poison the health care reform bill so that it will serve them better, not people who deserve to be served better, like my mother. Don't let the insurance companies get to you. They place profits ahead of people, and considering the life-or-death importance of their service, that is simply disgusting. Please keep in mind my mother, the other 15 percent of Nebraskans and 16 million Americans who don't have health coverage, and really fight for a public health care

option."

Since I sent this, my mom has had her surgery, does not have cancer and is recovering nicely. We could not afford the Vicodin that the hospital prescribed her, so she did spend a day in truly agonizing pain - nearly calling 911 in the process - until we could scrape up enough family contributions to pay for her painkillers.

Other than that mishap, she's been fine and feels better than she has in years, thanks in large part to government intervention.

As for the letter itself, so far I've heard naught from Obama or Biden. I received a form e-mail from Nelson, and nothing from Johanns or Terry, but that's about what I expected given the air of mystique, misinformation and downright panic

surrounding this health care debate.

I am tired of the lies swarming around the notion of a public option, so let's examine what universal health coverage would mean for our country (which I assure you is far bigger than you and I put together, kind reader).

A public option would mean access to good health care for any American or traveler in America, no different from our access to running water, electricity, roads, police and fire departments and public schools. Our taxes fund all of these services, and though each has its share of problems, all of them are necessary. Let any of these services falter or fail, and you no longer live in a safe nation.

A public option would drive down costs for those who wish to keep their current health coverage (if they have any). This is in stark and sensible contrast to those who believe in a laissez-faire approach to health care - namely, allowing the market itself to drive down cost.

When you consider that contributions to lawmakers from pharmaceutical and insurance companies rose half-a-million dollars from April to June, you have to question how committed these companies are to the American public.

Business is booming for the

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## Better health care coverage, but at what cost?

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I have been against government run health care since I first heard the polished version of the words slip and slide their way out of President Obama's mouth. However, when I began to write this, I struggled to find what exactly I was against. Which is actually the problem.

I went straight to the source, looking up the proposed policy on the White House Web site (whitehouse.gov/issues/health care) and found this.

"The Administration believes that comprehensive health reform should:

Reduce long-term growth of health care costs for businesses and government

Protect families from bankruptcy or debt because of health care costs

Guarantee choice of doctors and health plans

Invest in prevention and wellness

Improve patient safety and quality of care

Assure affordable, quality health coverage for all Americans

Maintain coverage when you change or lose your job

End barriers to coverage for people with pre-existing medical conditions"

It sounds great. Cheaper care, better care, more care... but we have yet to hear how exactly President Obama's going to pull this miracle out of his tailored sleeve. Government health care should not be passed because the majority of the American public has no idea what's going on. They hear "health care for all" and think that it's fantastic, that it's free or cheaper or better, but in all honesty, no one knows what is actually going to happen.

The truth of the matter is, with too many opposing issues, government run health care is a lost cause, explain sources such as Bob Herbert, a political columnist for the New York Times since 1993.

"Key Democratic lawmakers have indicated that a government-run insurance option may be dropped from health care reform plans," quotes the Cato Institute at cato.org.

At best, America will end up with a system where more are covered, but the cost continues to explode for consumers. Obama and his phenomenon reform have yet to disclose how it is planning to dam the leak that is medical costs. However,

insurance companies and drug companies can rejoice in this turn of events.

One the key points that is discernable from this vague plan is that every American would be required to buy a government approved insurance plan, said Michael Tanner, a political analyst for the Cato Institute. The government will usher almost everyone into the waiting arms of the insurance industry, thanks to policies that will require nearly everyone to obtain insurance.

Others will be put on Medicaid, which will raise its eligibility. There won't be a government plan or any other decent competing plan to convince the companies to bring down insurance premiums (one of the biggest cost in the health care industry). More clients, no competition and no need to drive prices down will make the companies one very, very happy industry.

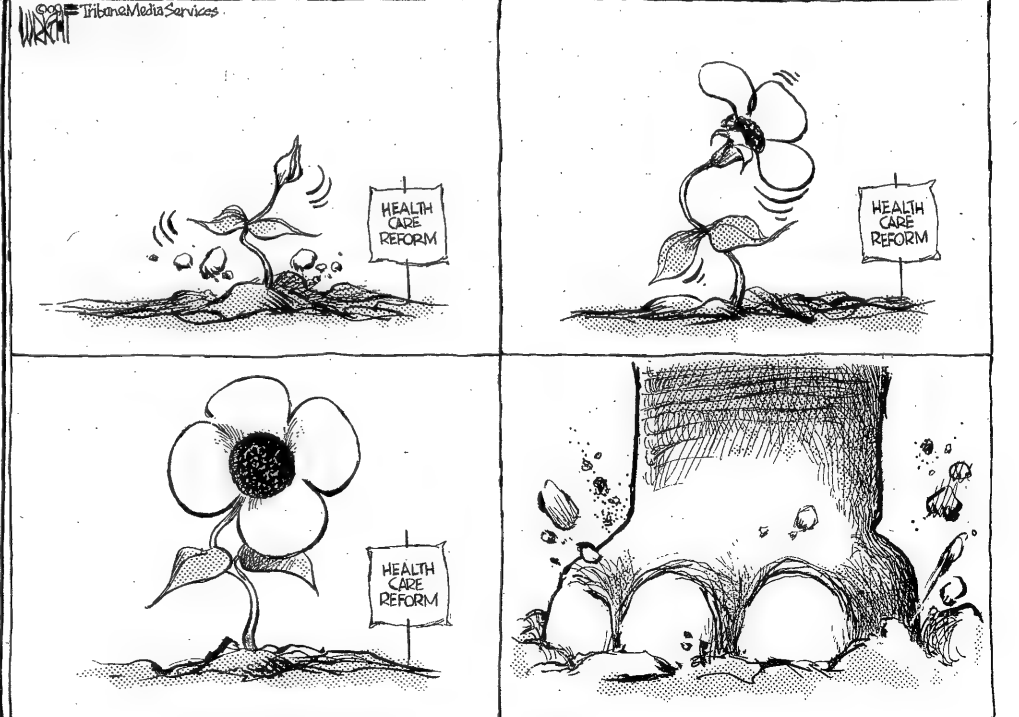
While the Pharmaceutical Researchers and Manufacturers of America did strike a deal to give \$80 billion dollars in discounts over the next 10 years, there are a few facts about this the Obama administration is not shouting from the roof tops. The administration quietly agreed to not seek any further savings from drug companies for those 10 years. Compared to the \$300 billion the drug companies profit per year, \$8 billion is pocket change.

In addition, these discounts will only work for certain people with certain Medicare policies and only for brand name medicines. Many will switch over to brand name from generic in an effort to get these discounts, giving the pharmaceutical companies even more bang for their billion bucks. The drug and insurance companies are going to walk away from this profiting more than ever while the American public suffers under a poorly thought out list of policies.

Let's pretend that government health care wasn't a complete bust. Let's pretend President Obama managed to finagle the good Ole US of A into a government run system modeled after a neighboring country - Canada for instance.

Oh, wait. Our role model's health care system is failing. An overhaul of their health care system is in the works right now. As Anne Doing, the incoming president of the Canadian Medical Association said to the Canadian Press, "...this country's health care system is sick."

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# International Students Get the Boot from University Village

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Traveling overseas to study can be one of the most rewarding experiences in life. Those who take this step into new surroundings to learn, grow and continue their academic careers find the adventure promising and alluring.

The host university should be reassuring to an international student. It should give them a sense of security and comfort in a country foreign to their own. International students expect this when they pay and travel to a university.

Four German international students at UNO found their experiences very rewarding, but as they neared the end of their stay, something went gone wrong.

Marcel Honstrass, Stefan Betz, Eduard Losing and Patrick Geduhn moved into University Village at UNO in August of 2008. All are majoring in business and are working on their master's degrees, signed full-term leases at UV and had full academic years. They were forced to move out of University Village on July 31, 2009, which marked the end of their lease, though their semester extended until Aug. 14, 2009.

Honstrass was the first to hand in the resident's notification of intent to move out on June 2, two months before they had to move out. When he did, he asked what he would have to do to stay longer. The resident assistant said there was no such opportunity.

"I insisted there has to be an opportunity because we basically don't have a home here," Honstrass said.

Angela Mohr, managing director of University Village, said in an e-mail that the students were offered an extension to Aug. 3. Honstrass and Geduhn said they never received this offer.

When Honstrass told Betz what happened, Betz went to the University Village office to speak with someone. He asked the same question as Honstrass.

"The RA was like, 'This [opportunity to stay longer] is not possible,' but since we have papers and exams to do, there must be more possibilities," Betz said.

The RA went and talked to someone in one of the UV offices, Betz said. They came back and told him to write Angela Mohr an e-mail with his concerns.

"At that point in time I was satisfied," he said.

In his e-mail, Betz informed Mohr of the other three German students in the situation and asked if they could stay to the end of their summer semester.

"It was a one-way contact," Betz said. "They never

replied."

Mohr said in an e-mail, "We do not intentionally ignore anyone's questions and our goal is to respond to all inquiries in a timely matter."

Later, Betz and Geduhn went to the office to speak with someone about their situation. The Assistant Director Andrew Skarka and an RA were sitting in the front office. Betz and Geduhn asked if they could speak to Mohr. Instead, Skarka spoke with them.

"He basically said, 'This doesn't work because you signed a lease. You have a contract that says you have to be out July 31,'" Betz said.

Betz and Geduhn said the reason UV gave them for not being able to provide two more weeks in campus housing was that the apartments had to be cleaned for incoming students.

There are 144 apartments encompassing 525 bedrooms in University Village, Mohr explained in an e-mail.

"[Cleaning the apartments] is an endeavor that requires the coordination of our internal maintenance and administrative staffs as well as many outside vendors," Mohr said.

After their conversation with staff, Betz, Geduhn, Losing and Honstrass came up with an offer for UV. They approached them again and said they would all move into one apartment until Aug. 14, so that there would only be one apartment to clean.

"He [Skarka] said that is absolutely not possible. They would have had a week to clean the apartment!" Betz said. "Then he gave us the number to Capitol Court [a nearby hotel] and turned around and left without saying anything."

Mohr said in an e-mail the students' proposal was turned down because 60 bedrooms needed to be cleaned by Aug. 12 to accommodate early arrivals by student athletes and other international students.

"They allowed us an extension beforehand [when we moved in], but not afterwards, which was a bad surprise," Honstrass said.

She said that if Honstrass, Betz and Geduhn stayed they would, "have displaced another group of students – including international arrivals."

"Our problem is we still have to write a thesis and take exams, and we have nowhere to live," Geduhn said. "We asked why we can't just stay longer. He said it was because they had to clean."

Betz said Skarka told them if they were allowed to stay, concessions would have to be made for other students to stay

longer, as well.

"It's a totally different situation when you're an exchange student," Geduhn said.

Eventually, Honstrass, Geduhn, Betz and Losing did find somewhere to stay, living downtown, and sleeping on air mattresses. They shared one chair and one desk between the four of them. Consequently, they spent a lot of time in the library.

Mohr said in an e-mail that this was the first situation of this nature they've had at University Village.

"Our residents typically plan well in advance to have bridge accommodations should their summer studies extend beyond the end of the lease term," she said.

However, Lori Arias, assistant director of International Student Services said this wasn't the first time she heard of this happening at University Village.

"I knew of five others who had the same situation," she said, "but there might have been more."

Arias said this is the second or third year she has heard complaints about this type of situation happening. However, there is not much the International Studies office can do, as the students signed a lease saying they had to be out at the end of July.

"It seems that all students who are completing a semester on Aug. 14 need time to finish their exams and to clean their rooms before they have to move out," Arias said. "I would prefer that there be more flexibility for students who need to stay to the end of their semester."

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good idea?" Wellman said.

Wright said that if she had not gotten into a school that was able to provide so much financial assistance, she would have opted for a less-expensive state school rather than taking out larger sums of money in loans for undergrad.

"While I personally don't think it's particularly smart for a person to get in over their head in debt just to go to a prestigious school, it's not my place to judge them for it," Wright said.

But for many students that have taken out larger loans to go to their choice schools, it is worth the risk, despite the uncertainty of an unsteady job market.

"I am worried to a certain extent, but it was more worth it to go to school where I wanted to go and to have to be frugal after college than to not have tried to pursue my dreams," Kroll said. "The whole loan thing isn't stopping me."

## Eating Disorders on Campus are Prevalent, but Undertreated

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Chronic eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge-eating disorder are significantly more prominent among college students than any other demographic population. Numerous studies conducted by psychologists and clinicians from institutions such as Dartmouth College and Stanford University document a significant prevalence of eating disorders in college students, as well as a strong correlation between college environmental risk factors and the probability of developing such disorders.

"One risk factor that college students are exposed to," said University of Nebraska Medical Center doctoral student Jennifer Yentes, "is the huge life changing experience of transitioning from living under their parents' roof into the inherent condition of living in the college dorms. This is usually their first experience that requires them to be an adult."

Yentes said the college transition is accompanied with a "role and identity change, which sometimes results in an identity crisis. Students are trying to determine who they want to be in life. This often results in stress."

The intense emotional alteration associated with an identity crisis in combination with academic and social stress can negatively interact with additional eating disorder risk factors to induce the onset of preliminary eating

disorder symptoms.

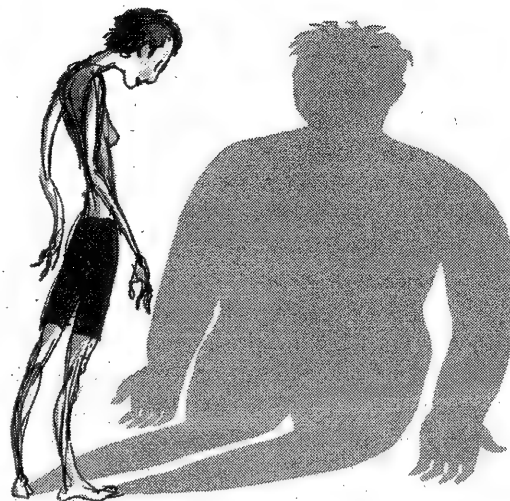
"Students who experience an identity crisis stress out because things are not going well," Yentes said. "These students feel that they are not in control of their life, so they try to control something. Most eating disorders start with a diet, then it becomes obsessive. Students stop eating, stop exercising, or they start bingeing."

"If you feel that you are not in control of your life and that you need help, the University offers free counseling," she added. "No one will find out; it is nonbiased, professional help."

The UNO Counseling Center, located in the Epley Administration Building room 115, "offers free personal confidential counseling to students, staff and faculty," said licensed mental health practitioner Catherine Pettid.

"Our center offers various programs for individuals with various mental health concerns," Pettid said. "We look at issues that commonly affect students and provide health services focused on the mind and body."

"Good treatment for anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa and binge-eating includes a multidisciplinary team," she said. "Eating disorders have the highest mortality rate of any mental illness, but very few people seek treatment. At the UNO Counseling Center, students can receive eight to ten free sessions; however, many people with eating disorders will need additional counseling. Our facility is a wonderful place to start and a great



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place to get professional guidance."

Pettid added that the UNO Counseling Center provides referrals to such places as the Children's Hospital Eating Disorders Program and Omni Behavioral Health for students, faculty and staff that require additional mental and physical assistance.

"The Children's Hospital Eating Disorders Program is a licensed psychiatric program that has a pediatric unit and is age appropriate for college students up to the age of 22," said program director Dr. Peg Miller-Evans. "Our program has a strong medical support and a multidisciplinary team that includes physicians, nurses, dietitians, psychologists and psychiatrists."

"Students that have an eating disorder need to go to a physician to get checked out. They need to get their vitals checked and labs drawn," Dr. Miller-Evans said.

"They need to be examined to assess if internal damage has occurred."

Eating disorders are severely undertreated.

"Ten percent of the college female population has an eating disorder and only one in ten receive treatment," Pettid said. "We see individuals who are concerned about helping a friend, which is very common in the dorms. We have educational pieces on eating disorders and mental illnesses."

Senior Antonio Castaneda said he was a binge-eater for several years.

"When I was bored, I would eat a lot of food," said Castaneda. "About five years ago, I decided to make a change. Instead of eating, I started doing some physical activity when I was bored. I started making smart, healthy choices, nothing too drastic."

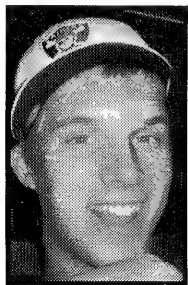
Castaneda has lost approximately 85 pounds and has been in good health for five years. He attributes his success to exercise, drinking lots of water and making better health choices.

Castaneda advised students with eating disorders to "not get discouraged. Do not give up. The change will not happen overnight, it might take a month or months, a year or years. It is a sacrifice and it is worth it."

For additional information on eating disorders, please contact the UNO Counseling Center at 402-554-2409, or the Children's Hospital Eating Disorders Program at 1-800-833-3100.

# Nature could prove to be the key to long life

## Commentary



Todd Hansen

There is certainly no shortage of things to be stressed about these days. We have books to purchase and classes to attend, then there's work, a social life and hopefully a love life. The most important cure to being stressed out might be right outside your window.

Reports by the Global Healing Center, natural medicine and a study by the Department

of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at Washington State University all say nature is a significant reducer of stress.

In the Washington State study students were monitored while inside a window-less computer lab. One group studied in just the room, the other had various plants filling the room. Not only did students in the plant room have lower blood pressure, but they were more productive too.

You might say that's an obvious fact, but more technological advancements are pulling us further and further away from nature. This could be time spent watching TV or browsing the Internet. Or, you could be on your handheld device posting a Twitter tweet. And today, instead of playing golf out in nature, it's likely you play in your living room on Nintendo Wii.

Today's modern society has given people more and more ways to detach from nature. A person could go from their garage to driving their car to work. From there they would go inside an office and stare at a computer. After work they may come home and play video games or online poker. It's actually quite easy to go a whole day without seeing more than a few trees or feel the sun and wind against your face.

Some doctors in Australia are actually prescribing more nature time to patients. In an article with naturalmedicine.com, Mardie Townsend said, "People with access to nearby natural settings have been found to be healthier overall than other individuals, and are more satisfied with life in general."

Modern advances have also had an impact on the food we eat. In a large city, it's almost impossible to go more than a few blocks without seeing a fast food restaurant. Most of our vegetables and fruits are now peppered with pesticides and grown from a corporate farm. Even our meat and poultry is not natural anymore, cows are pumped with steroids and some chickens never see the light of day. Finally, when we make these meals outside, we use a grill powered by a propane tank.

More evidence can be found by our growing obesity problem. Less time spent outdoors exercising and more entertainment indoors has infected a good part of the population. According to childrenshospital.net, the number of obese children has tripled since 1980 to more than 16 percent.

For college students, more time with nature shouldn't be hard to find. There is a myriad of activities we can do with a group of friends outdoors. There is golfing, campfires, disc golf, fishing, rafting trips and nature hikes. And best of all, these things are cheap.

For the same price as a movie pass UNO students could visit Fontenelle Forest for a day, or the Lauritzen gardens. Another option being from Omaha is going to the Henry Doorly Zoo.

My personal advice for students feeling stressed is to just get out to any park or natural setting. Get to a spot where you can't see anything man-made or manufactured. After awhile out there, you'll begin to forget about current problems with work, school or dating. Lastly, being completely surrounded by nature reminds us of our true essence, instead of cursing our situations we'll begin to realize how blessed we are to live here.



## Postponing praise for the Volt

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Recently, General Motors turned the auto industry on its head with the announcement of the Chevy Volt, the first domestic hybrid sedan to be mass-produced. GM claimed the Volt could get 230 (yes, that's right) miles per gallon, completely eclipsing every other car on the market by at least a whopping 150 mpg.

Since this announcement, however, GM has come under some scrutiny about this impressive achievement. As it turns out, the Volt can, in theory, get infinite mpg. The electric motor that powers the vehicle can run for 40 miles before it needs to be recharged. If it dies, the gas powered motor kicks in to charge it as you drive. Estimates on the mpg of the gas motor hover around 50 mpg, still at the very high end of the spectrum.

GM's claim of 230 mpg was based on the EPA's official hybrid rating method. However, the agency has since stated that they can't guarantee the Volt's mpg and are moving to rework their rating system in light of this. Regardless, the Volt sounds like a damn impressive piece of machinery that's years ahead of its time, right?

That's where I get a little standoffish. This certainly is a crowning achievement and something that will greatly help to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, lead to a cleaner tomorrow for our children, and all the other campaign promises your Senator makes every six years.

It's just that big of a leap. But it's just that - a giant leap.

How can GM go from products that hover around 30 mpg to ones that get 230 mpg at the drop of a hat? Isn't there a natural progression when it comes to technology - cars getting 80, 130, 175 mpg in between?

Now, I'm not going out on a limb here and accusing GM of simply sitting on this technology for years, either too foolish to see the market for it amongst the \$4-a-gallon gas prices of yesteryear, or working with Exxon to keep it off the roads. I'm not about to tell you that swine flu is population control or that the New World Order is using fluoridated water to control our minds, either, don't worry.

I'm just saying that every American consumer has the right to know whether they're investing a year's salary on the latest transportation breakthrough, or supporting a company that just maybe doesn't deserve their business. Until we can know for sure, perhaps we should all be hesitant to praise this new all-star of a car. Until we can know for sure, perhaps we should all be hesitant to praise this new all-star of a car.

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in office. It's a government from, for and of money, and if you're poor, you deserve it. That's how they treat you."

Almost every Nebraskan at the event had a personal story to tell or had been witness to someone suffering from the current health care system.

"I want to know about prescription drug policies and Medicare for seniors," said Martha Parker, 71. "Right now, I pay for my medication half when I get it, half later, when I can get the rest of the money. I want out of this doughnut hole. How is the government going to do that when they have so much else to do?"

Fifty-year-old Peggy Wickerham said her sister had to move back into their parents' basement after her husband died.

"She was very well-insured. She had the experience of her husband getting cancer and dying. They lost their house, their car, everything," Wickerham said. "Now she is working 50 hours a week just to pay off his medical bills."

The meeting was set up as a question-and-answer event between the general public and Sen. Nelson. UNMC staff brought microphones to audience members who were asked to keep their questions under 30 seconds and omit all personal stories in the interest of time and addressing everyone's concerns.

"I understand the anxiety everybody has about their health care coverage," said Sen. Nelson. "The last thing you want is to be worse off than you are today. We ought to get in the position to make things

better."

The new health care bill aims to improve the quantity and quality of care, Nelson said. It's also pushing for healthier lifestyle choices for individuals to reduce the cost of care. Nelson said he believes offering incentives to the public is the way to go:

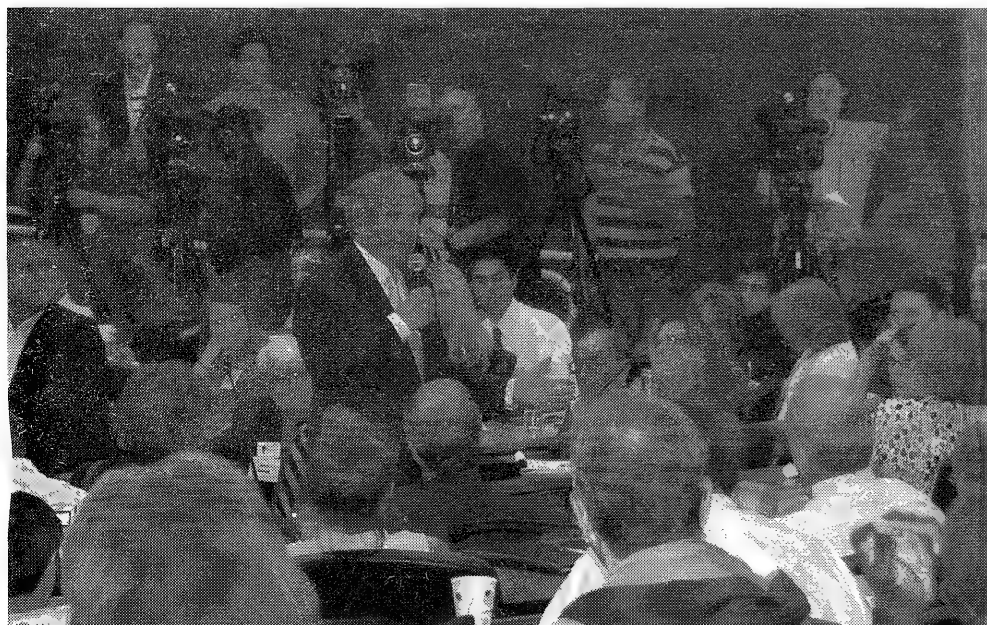
"The last thing we need is the government telling us we have to [do something], or punishing us if we don't."

He cited the case of a company that offered cash rewards to its workers for quitting smoking. The percentage of workers who smoked went from 51 percent to 11 percent in a short period of time, resulting in healthier workers, lower health care costs for all workers and also a reduction in work place accidents, Nelson said.

When asked whether he'd willingly give up his Senate health care plan and join other Americans on the proposed government plan, Nelson said he is not an elitist when it comes to that.

One audience member told Nelson the health care debate had caused her to no longer trust her government.

"If we get it right, you can trust it," Nelson said. "There will always be people who disagree because of 'fill-in the blank.' But if we do what's best for the country, we can gain the trust of the American people. We're not trying to get this done in the slickest manner, but the right way."



Nebraska Sen. Ben Nelson addressed health care legislation at the first of six statewide town hall meetings at the Durham Research Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center on Wednesday. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

## UNO offers new degree, uniting IT with other fields

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Despite a rocky economy, the demand for knowledge of technology has not declined. Instead, it has increased the demand for students who specialize in IT fields and for students to integrate that knowledge in other areas of study. UNO now offers students the opportunity to merge the program of their choice with studies in information technology, newly offered as the IT innovation bachelor's degree.

Because of the countless possibilities of programs that can merge with an IT background, students will be required to complete 52 credit hours of general education courses, 36 hours of information technology courses, and 33 hours of "flexible" courses referred to as "specialty courses," which can be completed anywhere on campus. These courses will be the merger between any other program and the IT program.

After students decide which program they'd like to marry with an IT background, they will present a written, oral and visual proposal to an approval committee. Students will also attend workshops, community events and be assigned a mentor from the business community, providing a level of real-world experience with academic study.

This degree will offer students a great opportunity to fill gaps in the workforce of many industries. By offering the unique degree program that is IT-specific with an emphasis in other practical areas of application, such as

economics, engineering, fine arts and management, necessary IT knowledge for today's workforce will meet degree programs tailored for students by the students themselves.

"We strongly believe that we have charted an interdisciplinary and collaborative path for our college that will make it one-of-a-kind in the nation," Dr. Hesham Ali said in a recent press release. "This degree is one more step achieving this ambition."

The new degree was brought to fruition by Jerry Wagner, the program's director and senior research fellow at the university's college of Information Science and Technology, after students expressed a desire to fuse IS&T with other coursework in order to be more applicable in various career fields.

The applications of this degree in several fields are already catching the attention of Omaha businesses. According to a recent press release, Kandace R. Miller, president and CEO of the Applied Information Management Institute said: "IT has moved from being a niche specialty that serves a specific function within an organization to being integrated into all of the key functions of business and operations. The new degree recognizes and addresses this change, allowing students to develop specific competencies in IT while also being able to pursue their passions in other areas — be they in art, science, education, communication, business or some other field."

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keeping totally quiet about his sexuality.

"[It's really like] don't ask, don't tell, don't happen to be found out anytime, anyplace, anywhere," Nicholson said.

Julie Mendoza is a retired Air Force veteran who has deployed in every single humanitarian military operation between the years of 1989 and 2008. Mendoza came to terms with her sexuality during her time in the military. She found it very difficult to keep her sexuality from her coworkers.

"The way the units are designed, the people you work with are the people you live with, they're the people you party with and the people you associate with," Mendoza said. "You become very intimately involved with each other as a cohesive unit."

Mendoza had an intimate partner for six and half years during her military service.

"She went through what every military spouse in the world goes through," Mendoza said, "in terms of deploying, in terms of watching me leave and not knowing when I'm going to be coming back, not knowing if I am even coming back."

The problem was Mendoza could not even recognize her partner as more than a roommate. She couldn't put her partner as a dependant on her military insurance. Nothing would have gone to her partner had Mendoza been killed.

Upon Mendoza's retirement, her

partner had to sit in the audience and watch instead of joining Mendoza on stage. A military spouse, even a short-term girlfriend or boyfriend would have been recognized on stage with a retiree, Mendoza said, but not her long-term same-sex partner.

"There was a whole section of my life she wasn't allowed to be a part of," Mendoza said. "Everything about my life was separate from everything I did within the military."

"Living under don't ask, don't tell, I didn't have the normal coming out processes," said Jarrod Chlapowski. "I didn't have a friend I could turn to. I didn't tell my family. I was forced to deal with this for several months, just silently. It was hard to do, I just had to tell somebody."

Chlapowski ended up coming out to his best friend at a party. His friend admitted that he, too, was gay.

"We became confidantes after that," Chlapowski said. "We found the gay pockets in our unit."

Chlapowski was one of very few openly gay troops in the U.S. military. He changed his mind and became recloseted after seeing several friends be discharged under the law.

Stephen Vossler, the only heterosexual panelist, was friends with Chlapowski during this time. Vossler came from a small town and was initially hesitant to accept Chlapowski's sexuality.

"It didn't add up to me that someone

I trusted, respected, and liked could be gay," said Vossler.

After thinking about the issue for a while, he decided Chlapowski's confiding in him intensified their friendship and made them closer.

They were both transferred to another base, and had to keep Chlapowski's sexuality secret. They would discuss their weekend activities and Chlapowski would lie and say he had a girlfriend. Vossler would sometimes slip and openly discuss Chlapowski's life.

"I became very scared," Vossler said. "I was like 'Crap, I'm gonna out my best friend because I'm running my mouth.' This isn't something I've ever had to think about. Now I'm living under this cloud of fear, but I'm straight!"

President Obama made a campaign pledge prior to his election stating his support for repealing Pub. L. 103-160. The veterans who spoke on the Voices of Honor tour hope he follows through.

"It needs to be replaced with a policy of non-discrimination," Chlapowski said. "And that's what we're pushing for."

"Everybody suffers under this," Mendoza said. "When I served in silence, my family served in silence as well. If something had ever happened to me, they still wouldn't have been able to acknowledge what I was and what I went through."



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that has not been done," Franklin says. "We were able to form a vision and it was an absolute, total team effort."

KVNO, known as Omaha's only classical radio station, will still play classical music when games are not being broadcast. Its current listeners, Alberts says, provide additional opportunities for UNO's sports teams to gain followers.

"We also hope to grow our audience by inviting regular KVNO listeners to tune into Maverick athletics," he says.

The opening kick-off of the UNO football season will serve as the station's launch into the world of UNO sports broadcasting. The Mavericks will welcome East Central University to Al Caniglia field Aug. 27, with KVNO's coverage beginning at 7 p.m.

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pharmaceutical industry, the insurance companies and even nursing homes, all enterprises that rely on us to get sick in order for them to make a lot of money. (In fact, according to Opensecrets.org, nursing home contributions rose 49 percent in the second quarter alone. The sicker people become from lack of access to health care, the earlier they must use terminal resources like nursing homes and hospice care, a situation which ensures a nauseating rise in profits for both owners and shareholders.)

A public option would also mean good news for understaffed hospitals: fewer people would need to use the emergency room for non-emergencies, freeing the system to better serve those with life-threatening conditions, which could be you someday.

Now, let's probe what a public option

would not mean for our country.

A public option would not mean death panels, a complete government takeover of health care, mandated abortions or inferior care. These are mere rumors spread by those who have the necessary wealth to acquire health insurance, and, whether intended to or not, these rumors help ensure coverage will not be extended to those who don't have such wealth.

A public option would not lead to socialism. People who claim this suffer from an ill-defined idea of what socialism actually is: an economic system where the government owns and controls the means of production and distribution. Instituting a public option will not magically make all businesses the property of the government.

As a contrast, consider the nations

that have implemented a national health care plan, such as the United Kingdom, Switzerland and Canada. No one there is denied health care for a lack of funds. No one goes broke paying their medical bills. For all the Right's bickering over the supposed shortfalls of a public option, they miss one huge, glaring fact: under Obama's plan, everyone would receive quality health coverage.

Let me say that again. Everyone, regardless of luck, health, wealth or pre-existing condition would receive the best health care in the world. The social and economic benefits would be enormous, but so would the ethical benefits for people like my family, who have inherited an unfortunate situation and can barely struggle our way out of it. Think of us before you spread rumors that will further impede our access to the American Dream.

## FROM AGAINST HEALTHCARE: PAGE 10

Canada has a Medicare health care. It's federally sponsored and publicly funded. The private sector provides most services. This is known as a "single payer system." The government pays the entire fee for the basic services provided by private doctors.

Other countries such as the United Kingdom, New Zealand, as well as Canada have universal health care, which is run primarily on the taxpayer's dime.

There are some variations, with the UK's system being more centralized and New Zealand more decentralized with funding of community health boards to help run the health care. While our system would vary, the basic principles would mimic the Canadian model.

I realize that as Americans, we like to

go where no one else managed, to succeed where all others failed, but venturing into a Canadian modeled system as they announce theirs is failing has legendary fail stamped all over it. Here's an idea, let's try a health care system that hasn't been tried and found wanting.

As it is, there are only a few discernible ideas Congress has let known about the proposed government health plan. An insurance plan, like Medicare, would be competing with private insurance. Americans would be encouraged to switch over to the government run plan.

The government would then do effectiveness and cost research and use this data to set up guidelines on providers. These would eventually run into the private

plans, which will jack up the prices of private health care and send more into the governments plan.

All this while unemployment is on the rise, and the government would require employers to provide health care or pay a fee, raising the overall cost of hiring and keeping employees. Americans would have to have an insurance plan that conformed to the government's preset requirements, even if their current plan is working for them.

Eventually, the government would take over the development of a national system that would manage and control electronic medical records for all Americans. Basically, costs will go up, taxes will go up, and care will go down. It would be a lose-lose situation.

To quote President Obama back in his presidential election days, "On health care reform, the American people are too often offered two extremes—government-run health care with higher taxes or letting the insurance companies operate without rules."

Change the "operate without rules" to something along the lines of "raise prices with the help of government policies" and it looks like presidential-elect Obama disagrees with President Obama. Americans need to think twice, think again and then say "no" to the proposed health care reform.

While something needs to be done, these policies would just be a beginning to bigger problems.

# MYSTIC STARS weekly horoscope: 8/24/2009

LASHA SENIUK  
(MCT)

August 24-31, 2009

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20) Early this week a delightful flirtation or new romantic attraction may captivate attention. Some Aries natives may also encounter a surprising proposal from an old friend or lover. If so, carefully consider all risks. Yesterday will provide no emotional answers. Wednesday through Saturday take time to explore the ideas, comments or observations of loved ones. Family members may now need to vent their feelings or explain their actions. Remain patient: progress will be slow.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 20) Friends or close colleagues may this week publicly challenge your suggestions or group plans. Areas of concern may involve minor jealousies or recent social changes. Avoid bold discussions and expect others to privately resolve their own problems. Later this week someone close may announce an unexpected family change or home expansion. Candid discussions will quickly bring positive results. Remain determined and let others know your ideas, thought and feelings.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) Business rivals will now defer to your experience and creativity. Late Tuesday expect a brief but intense wave of social attention or fast workplace discussion. Previously criticized team plans will be seriously considered. Watch key documents for small errors. Wednesday through Saturday accents romantic invitations, fast social changes and complex group politics. Pay special

attention to the minor comments of trusted friends: private fears and new anxieties will soon be revealed.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Home discussions and parent/child relationships are accented over the next few days. Early Tuesday loved ones may offer a surprising glimpse into their deepest feelings or long-term aspirations. Positive family or social choices will soon offer greater confidence. Stay open. Later this week watch also for an unexpected promotion or employment change. New team assignments and delayed projects may be a concern. Remain active: there's much to be gained.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) A close friend or relative may now openly discuss an ongoing romantic dispute or wave of family pressure. If so, avoid offer strong opinions: others will respond to sympathetic guidance over practical solutions. Wednesday through Friday an unusual workplace dispute may temporarily strain business relations. Stay alert. Older colleagues and officials will expect reliable information and bold displays of loyalty. After Saturday rest and pamper the body. Energy may be low.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Complex financial documents and demanding business schedules may cause tensions this week. Facts, figures and legal permissions will now require careful definition. Refused to be dissuaded. Before mid-September work projects will be revised and finalized. Later this week pay special attention to the comments or observations of a relative or long-term friend. Romantic changes, hone disputes or rare

financial announcements may soon be at issue. Offer encouragement.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Intimate discussions and new social boundaries are accented this week. After Tuesday expect both friends and lovers to ask for key decisions or emotional clarity. Find positive ways to express your deeper thoughts. Honesty will provide obvious solutions. Thursday through Sunday family members may reveal unique plans concerning family finances, home renovations or group travel. Remain quietly distant: in the coming weeks home and financial proposals will greatly expand.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Late Monday a friend or colleague may ask for extra attention or a public display of loyalty. Private fears and minor jealousies are now deeply felt. In the coming weeks expect quick discussions and changed social plans. All is well, so not to worry. Do, however, stay focused and remind others of their emotional obligations. After Thursday a family member may outline new financial strategies. Offer an honest response: your ideas, needs or suggestions will soon lead to positive

agreements.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Rely this week on trusted skills and business methods. At present work officials and older colleagues are carefully studying the abilities of others. Watch procedures and detailed paperwork for minor mistakes and expect time sensitive duties to soon be evaluated or debated. After mid-week a past romantic attraction or social triangle may prove bothersome. Friends and lovers may be moody and unresponsive: remain patient and watch for obvious emotional breakthroughs.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Difficult business tasks may now require diplomacy. Before mid-week expect relations with new colleagues to be confusing or mildly strained. Unusual criticisms or misinformation may be an ongoing theme. If so, watch for public policy and reliable work methods to provide meaningful direction. Late Saturday a past friend or colleague may reappear. Take time for subtle discussions or private reflection. Social information will soon reveal unexpected workplace politics. Stay alert.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Work relations may be surprisingly candid this week. Watch for bosses or managers to discuss unusual facts, opinions or ideas. Remain cautious, however, and wait for controversial financial information or private business tactics to soon become public knowledge.

After mid-week a new romantic or social invitation may trigger minor discussions between friends. Take time to fully explain your thoughts, actions or plans: an honest description of your intentions may be needed.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Co-workers or new business partners may now challenge trusted workplace methods. This week you may be wise to avoid group discussions or new requests for your assistance. At present both friends and colleagues may need to distract attention from their own mistakes. Be diplomatic: before mid-September workplace politics will be intense. Later this week a trusted friend or relative may ask for romantic advice. Emotions are high: offer your own experience as wisdom.

If your birthday is this week... romantic timing and family planning will be a key concern in the coming months. Before mid-September expect long-term relationships to experience intense moments of decision. Lifestyle choices, group celebrations and finalized schedules may all be at issue. To some degree, large purchases and property matters may also be affected. Between October 21st and November 4th watch also for an unexpected flirtation. Powerful attractions and new passions will soon be an ongoing theme. Make sincere, ethical choices: new relationships will quickly lead to long-term commitments. Early in 2010 business promises will expand: expect colleagues, partners and key officials to demand extra time, energy and dedication.



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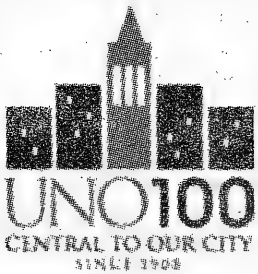
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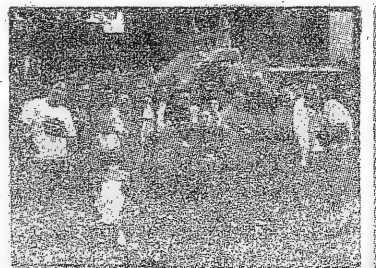
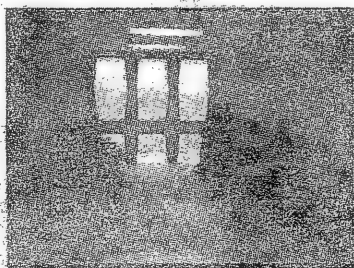
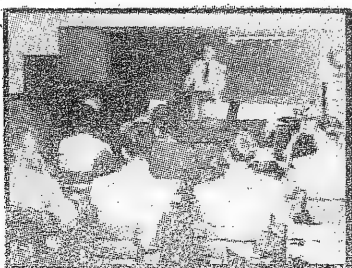
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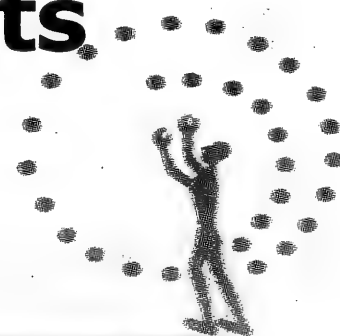
'Some of the most important learning in college doesn't take place in the classroom'

# The Shirley and Leonard Goldstein Lecture on Human Rights

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**Brian Steidle**



Brian Steidle (center) with some members of the SLA (Sudan Liberation Army).

## 'Hope for Darfur'

Wednesday, 28 October 2009

7:00 p.m.

**The Thompson Alumni Center at UNO**

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Brian Steidle graduated with a B.S. from Virginia Tech and received a commission in the U.S. Marine Corps as an infantry officer, completing his service as a Captain. He has worked in Central Sudan on the North-South ceasefire and was then invited to serve in Darfur as an unarmed military observer and U.S. representative to the African Union. He was one of only three Americans serving with a coalition of African countries monitoring the ceasefire. Since Brian's return from Darfur, he has testified in the US Congress and the UK Parliament, and Government Agencies and the International Criminal Court on such subjects as intelligence continues to advise Non-Governmental Organizations, gathering, NGO operations, AU effectiveness,

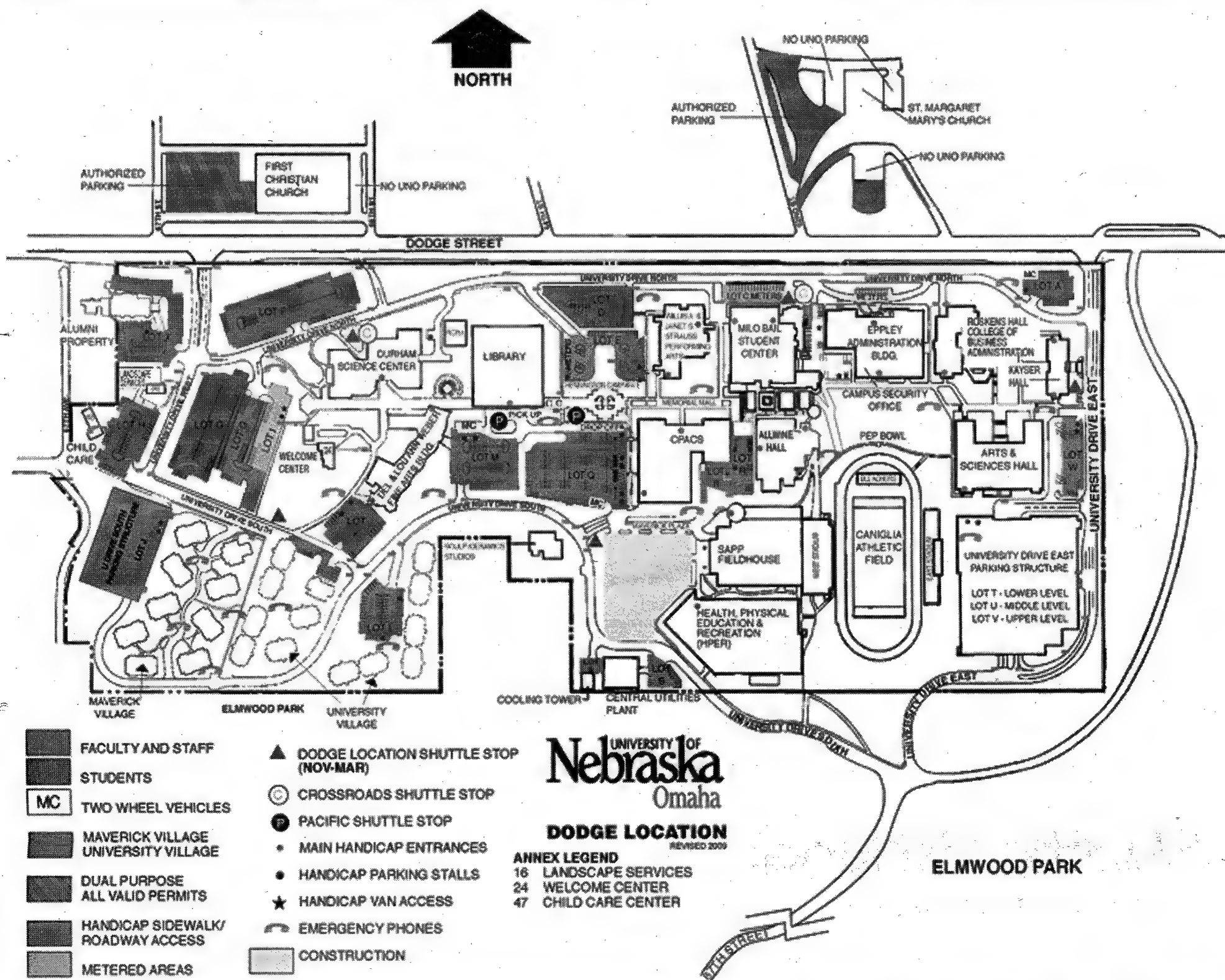
war crimes, and Sudanese Government military operations. Brian has co-authored, his memoir, *The Devil Came on Horseback: Bearing Witness to the Genocide in Darfur* which chronicles his time in Darfur and also is the subject of the Documentary Film by the same title. Brian currently serves as the Executive Director of HOPE (Helping Other People Everywhere), a non-profit organization he founded with his wife Andi Scull Steidle. HOPE is an energy conscious humanitarian organization focused on involving artists and their contributions in campaigns, programs and events to support existing social projects that promote education and growth around the world.

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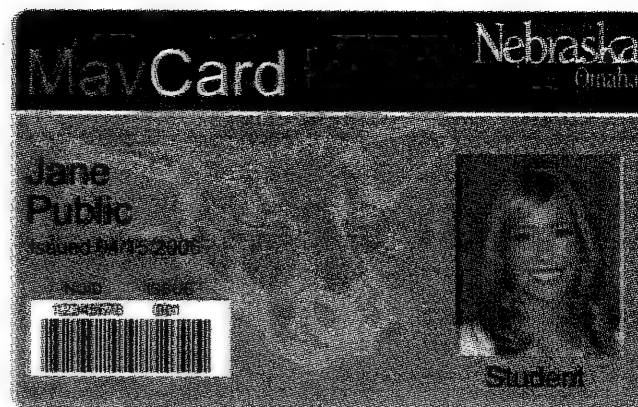
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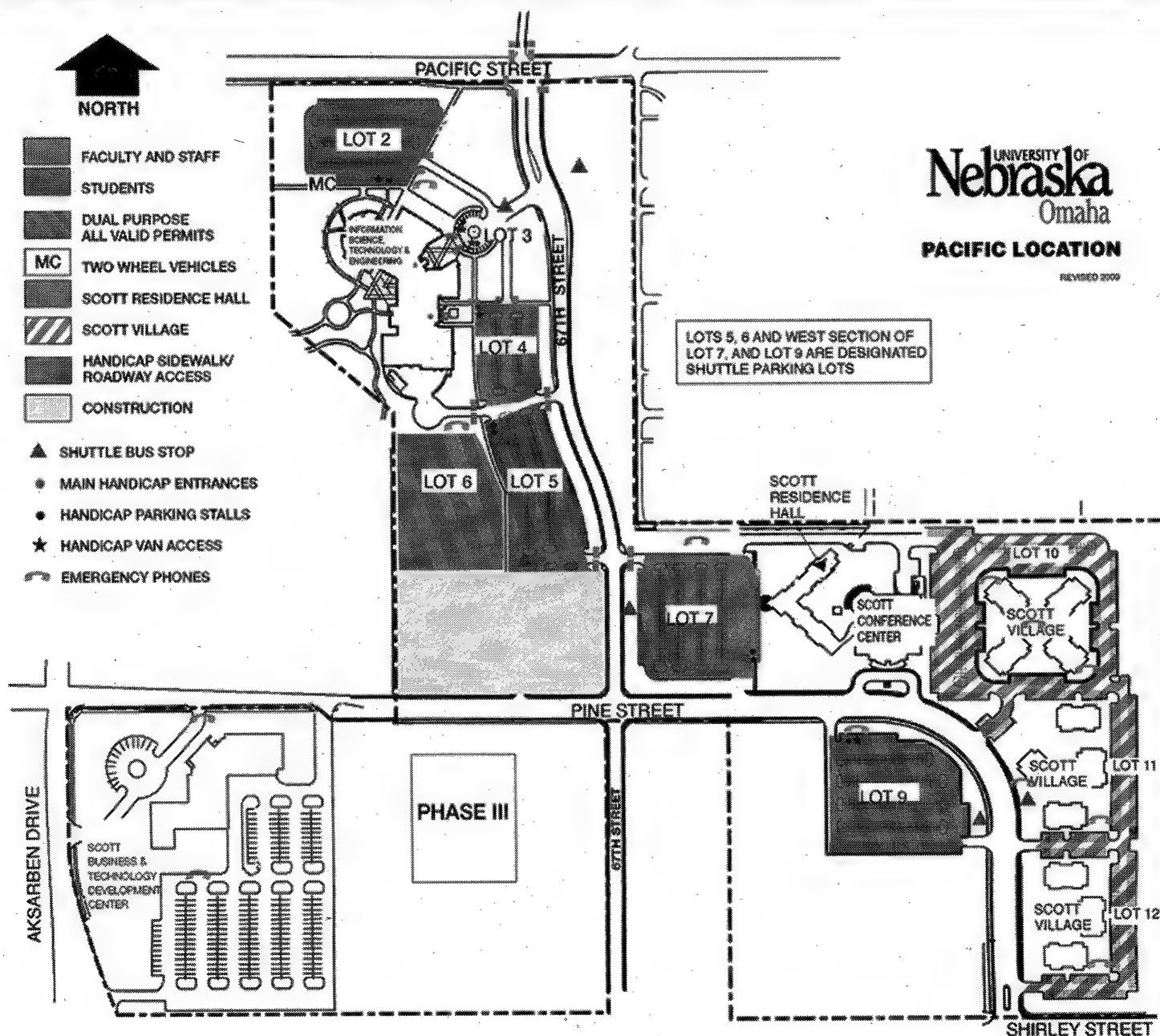
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Shuttle Busses leave the Pacific Location and the UNO campuses approximately every 15 minutes. The Pacific Express shuttle will ONLY drop off at the northeast corner of lot Q (near the Bell tower) and pick up in the north end of lot M (lower level, south of the Library). On the Pacific Location, the shuttles will be making stops east of PKI (circle drive), in lots 5, 6, 7 and 9, west of Scott Village and east of PKI along 67th Street.

From November 1, 2009 to March 2010 (Spring Break), an inter-campus shuttle will operate from 6:30 AM to 10:30 PM, Monday through Friday on the Dodge Location ONLY. The Shuttle will circle the Dodge Location, making short stops at the three-way intersection South of lot Q, West of lot K along University Drive South, North of the Durham Science Center, North of the Milo Bail Student Center and east of Kayser Hall.

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Access to the University Drive East parking structure will be available for a fee of \$12 after 12:30 pm. No parking permit is required after 12:30 pm in the parking structure.

## Jackson death still resounds in fans months later

TODD HANSEN  
CONTRIBUTOR

Many believe that celebrities die in threes. This proved true during the last week in June when the entertainment world lost three celebs within just days and hours of each other: TV game show host and announcer Ed McMahon, former "Charlie's Angel" sexpot Farrah Fawcett and the "King of Pop" Michael Jackson.

While McMahon suffered several health problems in the last months of his life and Fawcett succumbed to anal cancer, Jackson's death is still under investigation with little information being leaked to the public. What is known is that he went into cardiac arrest on June 25, days before what was going to be the star's last concert tour.

But the singer, songwriter, actor and dancer created many songs and fashion statements that will live on in the hearts of his fans across the globe.

Jackson got his start at the age of 5 while performing with his brothers Jackie, Tito, Marlon and Jermaine in the Jackson 5. The group recorded four No. 1 hits from 1968 to 1980 and opened for acts like Diana Ross and Gladys Knight and the Pips.

In 1979, Michael broke from the group to concentrate on his solo career. His album "Off the Wall" won a Grammy with the song "Don't Stop Till You Get Enough." This album sold over 20 million copies and also marked the first time Michael teamed up with legendary Producer Quincy Jones.

Jones also helped produced Jackson's sixth studio album "Thriller," which turned out to be the best-selling album of all time.

"It was really one of those rare instances when every aspect was superb, from the songwriting to Quincy Jones' production," said Tom Roland, Coordinator of Percussion Studies and Multicultural Music at UNO.

The record sold over 110 million copies and later went on to win a record eight Grammy awards in 1984. Of the nine songs on the album, seven were released as singles and all of them hit the top 10 on the Billboard Hot 100. Roland said this success can be attributed to the fact that Michael was a cross-over artist and the album had hits in various music genres.

The music video for "Thriller" was also a major landmark for Jackson, which sold over 350,000 copies and helped keep the album at No. 1 for 37 weeks and on

the charts for 80 weeks total. It was that video which allowed the vast public to see Jackson for his music and not the color of his skin.

"The video was really a breakthrough for that barrier," Roland said.

In March 1983, Jackson gave what was arguably his most spectacular performance ever at the TV special "Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever." Wearing a sequined white glove, he performed the moonwalk for the first time and sang "Billie Jean." The special drew 47 million viewers and cemented Jackson's legacy to music history alongside musical greats Elvis and the Beatles.

But while filming a Pepsi commercial in January 1984, Jackson suffered second-degree burns to his scalp. It is believed that this was when he began having plastic surgery to correct his appearance and been using pain medication that might have led to his early death.

Jackson rebounded the next year with his charity single "We are the World." The song featured stars such as Bob Dylan, Ray Charles and Bruce Springsteen. The track sold over 20 million copies and helped donate millions of dollars to help famine relief in Africa.

Jackson's follow-up to "Thriller" was his 1987 hit "Bad." Another five songs reached number one on the charts including "Man in the Mirror."

Four years later, Jackson released "Dangerous," which featured the song "Black or White." The video for the tune starred child actor Macaulay Culkin of "Home Alone" fame, but the album sold only 32 million copies worldwide. This was when rumors began stirring about his pale complexion.

In February 1993, the pop star gave a 90-minute interview with Oprah Winfrey and denied bleaching his skin. He stated that he had a rare skin disease called

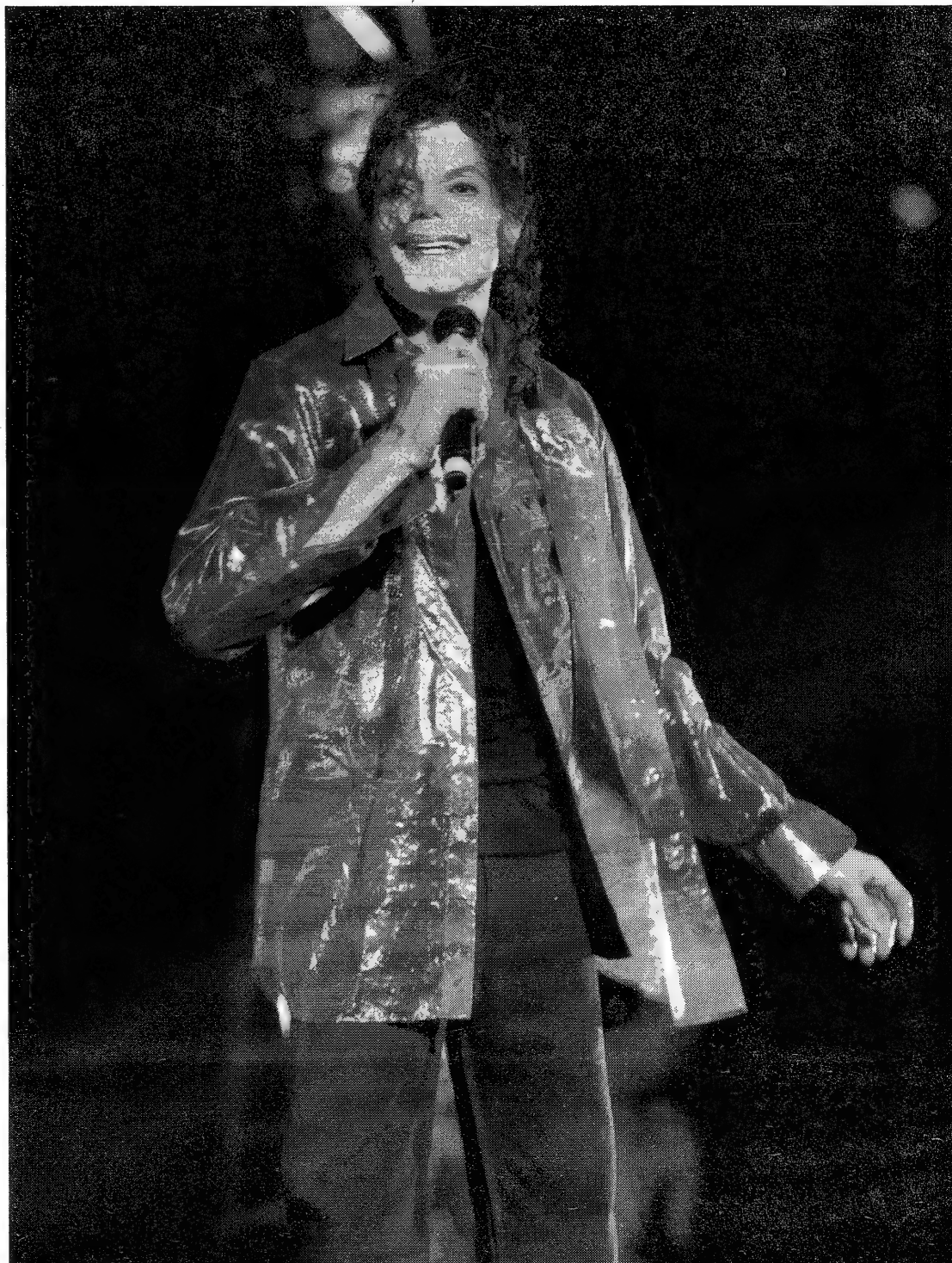
vittiligo. Jackson was also believed to have had dozens of plastic surgery procedures, especially to his nose.

Later that year, allegations of child sexual abuse surfaced but after a police investigation, no charges were filed. Though many witnesses denied the charges, Jackson settled out of court with the one of his

accusers and his father for \$22 million. Nicknames like "Wacko Jacko" materialized from the trials and Jackson became the butt of many jokes across the world. Friends and family close to Jackson said he never recovered from the public humiliation.

"I enjoyed his music," senior Sarah Skarda said. "He was very talented, but it

SEE JACKSON: PAGE 17



Michael Jackson performs during his last show rehearsal at Staples Center on June 23, 2009 in Los Angeles, California. (KEVIN MAZUR/AEG/GETTY IMAGES VIA IMAGE.NET/MCT)

### WELCOME WEEK

COMPILED BY ANDREA BARBE  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

With classes underway and the summer coming to an end, UNO welcomes back its students with plenty of activities for all to enjoy.

From Aug. 24 through Aug. 27, students can partake in numerous activities and indulge in different edible treats throughout the week and all are free. These events will take place on the Milo Bail Student Center Plaza unless otherwise noted and wrap up with the first football game of the season against East Central University.

UNO Welcome Week is sponsored by Bryan Hill Entertainment, Great Western Bank, Noodles and Company, Qdoba Mexican Grill, State Farm Insurance and Wells Fargo Bank.

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2009

-Theme: Student Focus  
-11 a.m.: Photobooth, carnival games, centennial photo display begin.  
-11:30 a.m.: Free hot dogs, chips and pop will be served.  
-Noon: DJ Hot Boy will perform.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2009

-Theme: Academic Excellence  
-11 a.m.: Photobooth, airbrush artist, caricature artist, centennial photo display begin.  
-11:30 a.m.: Free chicken sandwich, chips and pop will be served.  
-Noon: Music Selections with DJ and UNO alumnus Brent Crampton.  
-8:30 p.m.: Showing of "Tommy Boy" in the commons between Maverick Village and University Village.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2009

-Theme: Community Engagement  
-11 a.m.: Photobooth, caricature artists, centennial photo display begin.  
-11:30 a.m.: Free sloppy joes, chips and pop will be served.  
-Noon: Omaha band R-Style will perform.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2009

-Theme: Clubs and Organizations Fair  
-11:30 a.m.: Black Greek Letter and Latino Greek Letter strolls, pep rally begins on the Plaza.  
-Noon: DJ Animale will perform.  
-5:30 p.m.: Pre-game tailgate on the Pep Bowl.  
-7 p.m.: Football vs. East Central University at UNO's Caniglia Field.

# Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS
- 1 Small cluster, as of threads

5 Garbage barge

9 Rifle with tiny shot

14 Ready and willing partner

15 Home of the NCAA's Bruins

16 Bangor's state

17 Othello, for one

18 Ogler's look

19 Relative via marriage

20 Give one's verdict

23 On the Atlantic, say

24 Pant leg

28 Game-hunting trespasser

32 Lumberjack's tool

33 Li'l Abner's home

37 Two-part

38 Create a distraction

42 Coup d'\_\_

43 Supply water to artificially, as farmland

44 Singer Garfunkel

45 Degrading

48 Military utensils set

50 Teamsters leader who disappeared in 1975

55 Get rid of by promoting, as an employee

59 "\_\_\_ be?": "Is that possible?"

62 Lang. of Rome

63 Disorderly type

64 Prefix with structure

65 California wine valley

66 Chichén \_\_\_: Mayan ruins

67 Idiots

68 Counterfeit

69 Backyard storage facility

- DOWN
- 1 Florida city on the Gulf Coast

2 WWII German sub

3 Dental thread

4 To the point

5 "Star Trek" crewman

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By Teri Smalley

9/7/09

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- 7 Cassini of fashion
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- 10 Language group that includes Swahili
- 11 Hodges who managed the Miracle Mets
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- 13 "\_\_\_ and improved!": ad claim
- 21 Iwo Jima's country
- 22 Before, in verse
- 25 Sweat spot
- 26 Precise
- 27 Surrenderer to U.S. Grant
- 29 Polo Grounds slugger Mel
- 30 Hole in one
- 31 Tennis great Evert
- 33 Reason for talking in one's sleep
- 34 Freakish
- 35 Tiny flying biters
- 36 Racecar's stopping place

## Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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was obvious that he had some issues with himself."

Jackson married twice; once to Lisa Marie Presley from 1994 until 1996 and later to Debbie Rowe from 1996 until 1999. He had two children with Rowe, a son named Michael Joseph Jr., commonly known as Prince, and a daughter named Paris-Michael Katherine. Both children were born through artificial insemination. Jackson later had a third child named Prince Michael, or "Blanket," through a surrogate mother in 2002.

In 2004, Jackson faced 10 more charges of child molestation counts. After a very public trial, he was acquitted in June 2005 and moved to Bahrain to avoid any more media scrutiny. TV shows like "South Park" depicted Jackson in negative light and only added more fuel to the fire.

Financial woes also plagued the "King of Pop" when his Neverland Ranch was foreclosed in late 2007.

Just one month before his passing, Jackson announced he would be performing 50 sell-out concerts over in Europe and that would be his farewell tour. With the first concert date set for July 13, Jackson had been rehearsing rigorously in preparation.

But on June 25, that came to a screeching halt when Jackson collapsed inside his Los Angeles residence shortly after noon. Jackson was rushed to the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 2:26 p.m.

Tickets to the star's funeral at the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles were given away at random. More than 1.6 million fans registered for a chance to receive tickets but only 11,000 people were given out. Another 6,500 tickets were raffled out for viewers to watch the funeral service at the Nokia Theater

next door as a way to accommodate the overflow.

Smokey Robinson, John Mayer, Mariah Carey, Kobe Bryant, Magic Johnson and Brooke Shields all spoke at the service. Reverend Al Sharpton told his children that there "wasn't nothing strange about your Daddy. It was strange what your Daddy had to deal with. But he dealt with it anyway."

Over 31.1 million people in the U.S. tuned in to watch the funeral, which aired on major networks like ABC, NBC, CBS, MSNBC and E! courtesy of AEG Live.

It was announced last week that Jackson will not be laid to rest on Aug. 29 on what would have been his 51st birthday. Instead, the "King of Pop" will be buried on Sept. 5. No reason was given for the delay.

Jackson was undoubtedly one of the most animated and original artists of all time, garnering numerous awards and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He was also inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice and holds the several Guinness World Records including the "Most Successful Entertainer of All Time."

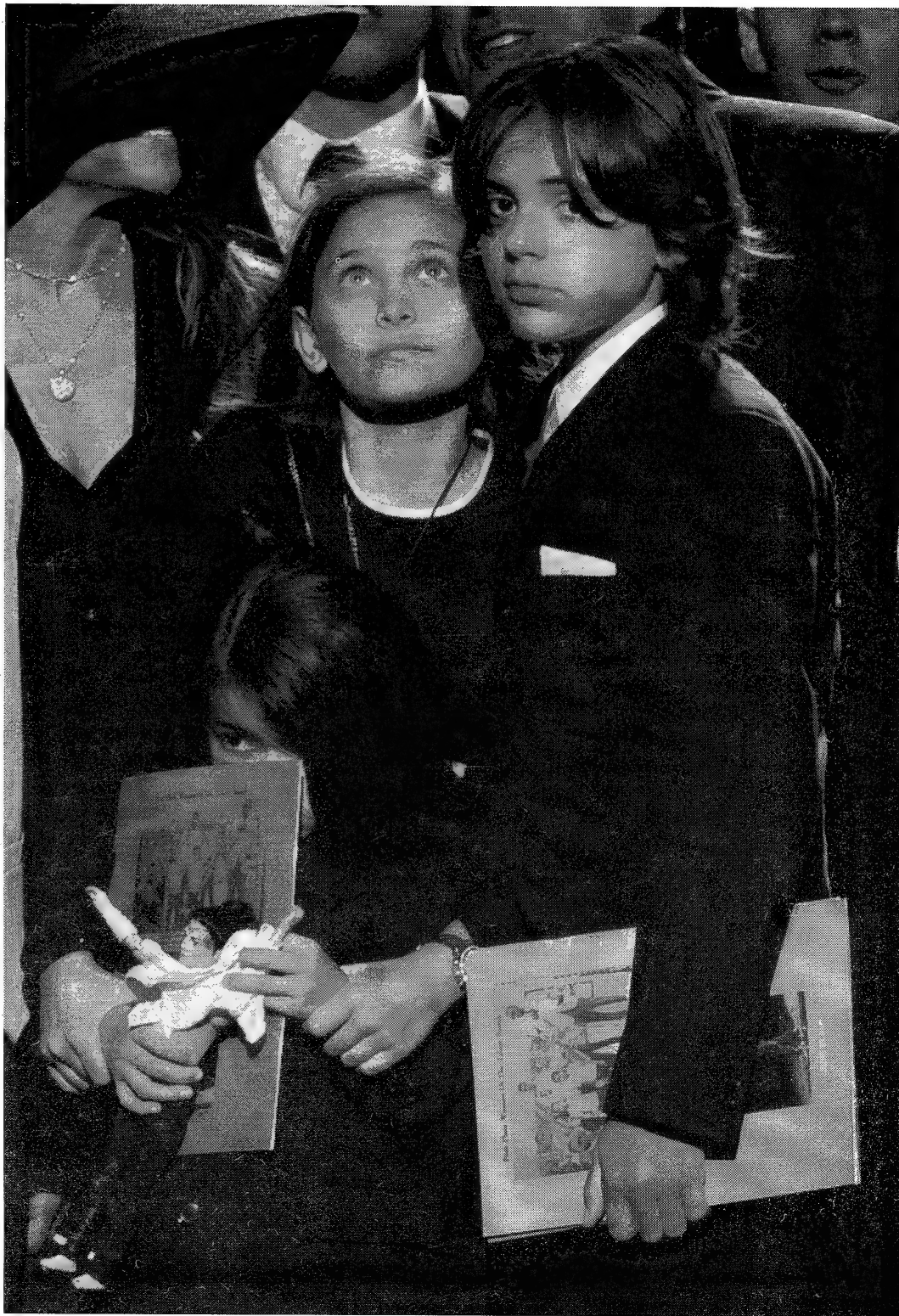
While he received many awards throughout his lifetime, Jackson believed in giving back to the community and donated to over 39 charities across the world.

He paved the way for many black musicians and left behind a legacy that will go untouched.

"His music was legendary," senior Amanda Rae Bendorf said. "I'll definitely remember his music."

*Entertainment Editor Andrea Barbe contributed to this report.*

*Paris Jackson, left, Prince Michael Jackson I and Prince Michael Jackson II are shown on stage during the memorial service for Michael Jackson at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, California, Tuesday, July 7, 2009. (MARK J. TERRILL/AP/MCT)*



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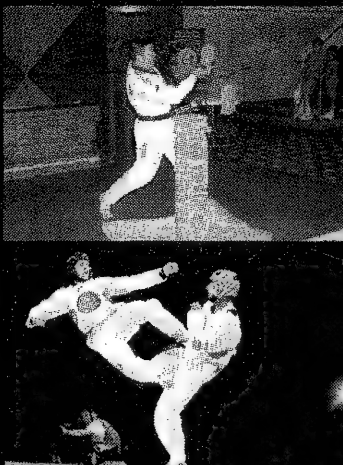
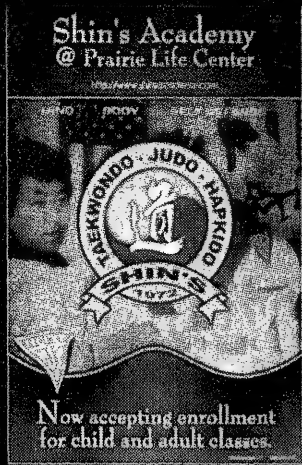
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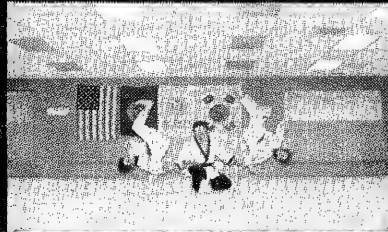
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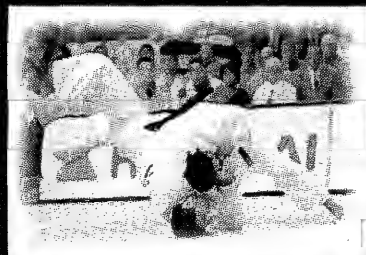


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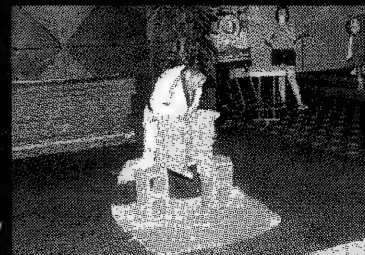
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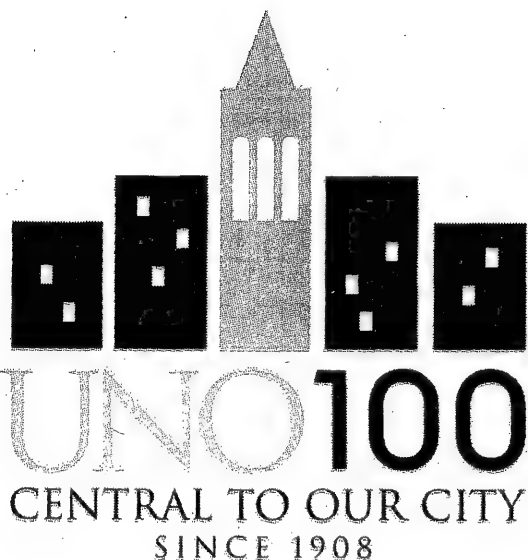
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# Annual tribute show hits home with metal lovers

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Metalheads both young and old descended into the Sokol Underground Aug. 22 to enjoy new music and remember one of the most influential guitarists in the thrash metal scene. Darrell "Dimebag" Abbott was the lead guitarist for Pantera and later on, Damageplan. On Dec. 8, 2004, he was shot and killed by a deranged Pantera fan on stage during a performance. Since his passing, local bands have come together to create a tribute concert now in its sixth year to honor the late guitarist.

"Dimebag revolutionized the metal scene," said Dustin Loos, vocalist for the Council Bluffs band Dethiacon, who performed for the tribute show last Saturday.

Dethiacon's drummer Alex Whalena agreed.

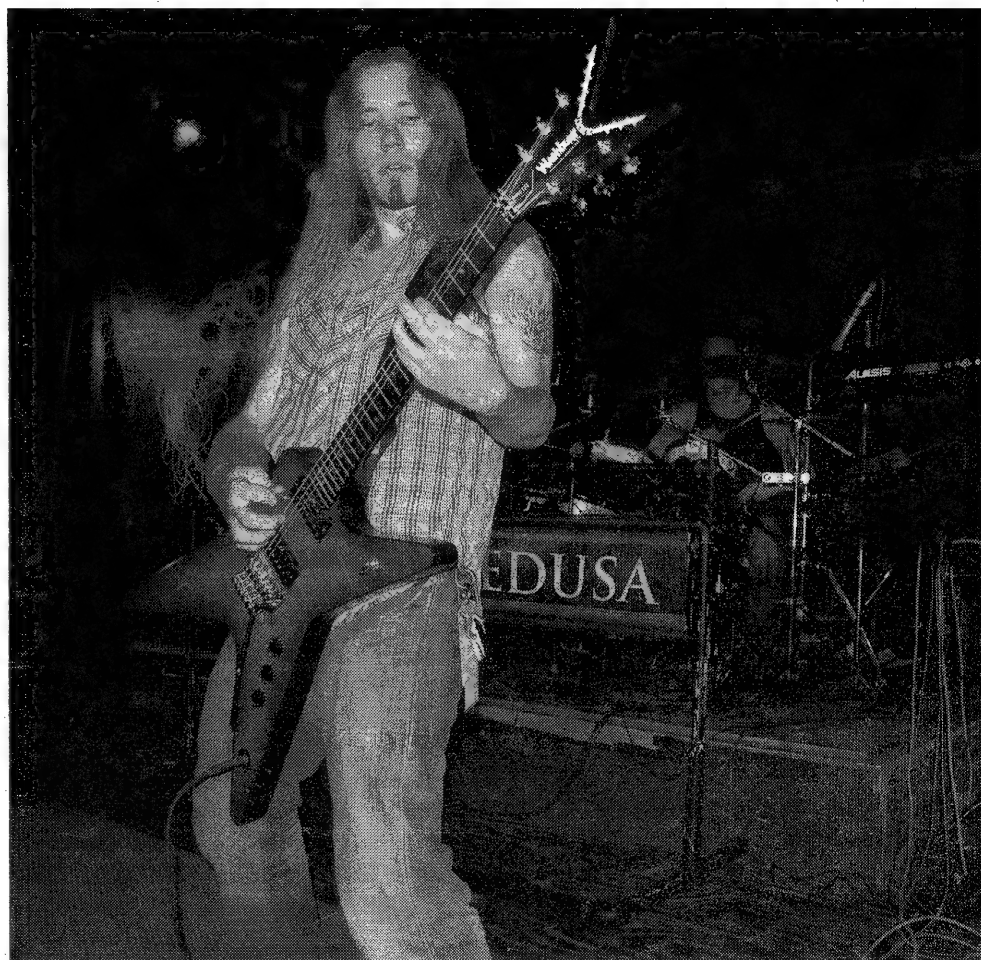
"We've been fans of Pantera since high school," Walena said. "Even though he was a dropout, he still didn't let fame go to his head."

Abbott was far more than just an incredible guitarist to his fans and fellow musicians, though. He was a role model and an image of what a popular heavy metal musician should be.

This is the second year the concert has been held on Abbott's birthday rather than the day of his death. All 17 bands at the tribute did one cover song from Pantera, Rebel Meets Rebel, another band Darrell was in, or Kiss. Darrell was once stated in a Guitar World magazine interview that if there had been no Ace Frehley there would have been no "Dimebag." Norfolk natives The Lifeless Design performed the Kiss song "Parasite" as their tribute to Darrell.

Pantera was wildly successful from 1989 until their breakup in 2003. Videos of the band on tour, sometimes even with Abbott as the cameraman, showed a group of normal guys drinking cheap whiskey and trashing hotel rooms. For Pantera, their songs reflected their lifestyle of down-to-earth musicians. There were no stretch limos and wads of cash being thrown around; just bottles of Wild Turkey and heavy metal music.

A silent auction was also part of Abbott tribute. Tables of Pantera memorabilia were set up for fans to bid on. Items like T-shirts and drum cymbals to a guitar pick Abbott had used when playing with Pantera were all up for grabs. Proceeds from the auction went to



Above: Daybreak Medusa lead guitarist Mike Marson performs during Saturday's tribute show. Left: The Lifeless Design's guitarist Black Oleson rocks out (PHOTOS BY MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)



Little Kids Rock, a non-profit organization that Abbott supported during his career along with other noted guitarists like Steve Vai, Jason Newsted and the late Les Paul. The organization's goal is to broaden children's knowledge of music by providing free lessons.

The tribute show also featured a "Dimebag" Darrell lookalike contest in which members of both the crowd and band were encouraged to try and replicate Darrell's iconic red-dyed goatee. This was the first year for the contest and a half dozen Abbott lookalikes participated, including

guitarist Willie Wells of Black Tooth Grin.

In the mid 1990s, Pantera began to fracture as the lead singer Phillip Anselmo began to abuse heroin. Anselmo was using the drug as a painkiller for the chronic back pain he experienced through years of touring and hardcore partying. Though Anselmo eventually stopped his drug use, the damage had already been done. Pantera went on hiatus in 2001 and its members were never able to put their problems behind them.

SEE DIMEBAG: PAGE 19

## War drama "glorious" addition to Tarantino films

REVIEW BY  
TYLER BARTON  
CONTRIBUTOR

What could excite American moviegoers more than fighting Nazis? How about a movie about Nazi killing starring Brad Pitt under the direction of Quentin Tarantino, one of the most criticized Hollywood directors of all time?

"Inglourious Basterds" will grab your attention right from the beginning and won't let you go until the explosive ending. This is a must-see summer blockbuster I highly recommend. But I warn you: this movie is not for the faint of heart.

With movies like "Pulp Fiction," "Reservoir Dogs," "Grindhouse" and the "Kill Bill" trilogy under his belt, Tarantino holds nothing back in this fictional portrayal of Jewish-American soldiers fighting for the survival of their race in German-occupied France. From the classic Tarantino opening to the climactic ending, "Inglourious Basterds" is a no-holds-barred masterpiece filled with all of the action, suspense and surprise we have come to expect from Quentin Tarantino. Like the rest of his films, it's highly graphic in nature and targeted for an adult audience.

"Inglourious Basterds" is packed with stars ranging from Brad Pitt to Samuel L. Jackson, who colorfully narrates each scene. The movie even includes an unlikely cameo from funnyman Mike Myers, who plays British General Ed Fenech, a change from the highly-popular British spy Austin Powers.

Pitt plays the part of a half-Native American and half-Jewish Lt. Aldo Raine, who earns the nickname "Aldo the Apache" from a victory celebration that you will have to see to believe. Joining Raine in his mission to infiltrate German lines includes Sgt. Donny Donowitz, played by Eli Roth, and Pfc. Omar Ulmer, played by B.J. Novak whom some might recognize from the NBC's hit comedy, "The Office."

The most unforgettable character from the movie is that of Shoshanna Dreyfus, played by Mélanie Laurent. She is responsible for avenging the deaths of her Jewish family at the hands of the German Col. Hans Landa (Christoph Waltz).

This film has some of the most beautifully produced scenes I have ever seen, mixed in with the same artistic integrity found in other Tarantino movies. The most notable scene is one in which the face of Dreyfus is projected onto a plume of smoke while ominous laughter rings out in the background.

Tarantino is known for colorful artistry, but this movie is without a doubt the climax of his directorial career thus far,

and is unquestionably the kind of movie that will stand the test of time.

If you are looking for a movie full of action and suspense with a little comedy thrown in for good measure, then look no further; this is your movie.

However, if you are not a fan of Tarantino's farfetched movie stylings, then this movie is not going to change your mind. It is full of the same ingredients that

can be found in almost all of his films.

I walked away from "Inglourious Basterds" with a newfound respect for Tarantino, not only for his highly imaginative mind, but also for his amazing cinematography work. When the credits began to role, I was left wanting more.



Brad Pitt stars in the Nazi war drama "Inglourious Basterds," directed by Quentin Tarantino. This film marks Tarantino's sixth feature film as a director. (PHOTO COURTESY OF IMDB)

# Scholarships for non-scholars: Paying for college when you're not an all-star athlete or a super-student

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ST. LOUIS — It often seems that the star athlete, musical prodigy or class valedictorian has a lock on lucrative college scholarships. Yet there are ways to get financial assistance for higher education even if a student isn't team captain or doesn't make the grade on academic merit.

Many universities and private sponsors make scholarship money available to students who don't particularly excel on the field or in the classroom. In fact, fewer than 1 percent of students receive athletic scholarships, said Mark Kantrowitz, publisher of college financial-information Web sites FinAid.com and FastWeb.com.

"There are plenty of scholarships out there that don't require you to be a star athlete or the top of your class," Kantrowitz said. For example, the David Letterman Scholarship at Ball State University rewards students with "an average yet creative" mind, he said.

"There's even a scholarship from a duct-tape manufacturer for making a prom outfit out of duct tape," he added.

## TIME IS MONEY

If you need aid for the school year beginning this fall, apply now because many deadlines have already passed.

"There are still some scholarships with August deadlines that pay the award in September, but once we get into the fall, what you'll find will be entirely for the next academic year," Kantrowitz said. "Start searching now so you know what's available."

The first step when looking for financial aid for any student — all-star, academic or average Joe — should be to fill out the U.S. Department of Education's Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Completing the FAFSA helps determine whether a student is eligible for aid from the school as well as federal and state governments in the form of grants and low-interest loans. The FAFSA can be found online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

"If you're looking for ways to help finance your educational expenses, absolutely, unequivocally, filing the FAFSA is the most important thing, and is the starting point," said Richard Bellows, executive director of financial aid at Butler University.

The FAFSA, which has to be refiled for each school year, can be submitted as late as the end of the academic year for which you're looking for aid — but it's best to fill the form out early each calendar year.

Filing in January or February means there's more money to go around, but aid is still available for students who start school

this fall and haven't submitted the FAFSA — if they file as soon as possible, Bellows said. He noted that needy students can still qualify for the federal Pell Grant, for example.

"There's still the opportunity for some financial aid, but if you don't file the FAFSA and you don't look into it, you're not going to know whether you're qualified."

Those getting ready to begin their senior year of high school should use the time they have to prepare and research financial-aid deadlines and school procedures, said Cindy Bailey, a senior policy analyst and former executive director of education finance services at College Board, a not-for-profit organization that serves students.

"One of the first things they should be thinking about is where they want to go to school, the tests they have to take, the timetable and then beginning the conversations with institutions," she said. "Most colleges will be happy to talk to kids about their financial aid options early in the process."

## FIND A FIT

It's beneficial for students to use other areas in which they excel — whether their abilities are in cooking or mechanical engineering — as a means for obtaining scholarships, Kantrowitz said. Students looking for niche scholarships should create

an "accomplishments resume," where they list hobbies and areas in which they excel, he said.

"There are essay competitions, artistic competitions, competitions for every hobby under the sun," Kantrowitz said. "If you want to attract schools' attention or scholarship sponsors' attention, pick your favorite hobby and try to go all the way in that hobby."

Once students have outlined a clear picture of what they're good at, it's time to do the homework.

"They can use (the resume) as a basis to start searching for scholarships that match their background," Kantrowitz said. For instance, FinAid.com provides a list of scholarships for average students as well as scholarships for volunteering and community service.

Students and their families should look at scholarship search engines and publications about the student's financial-aid options, added Bailey.

Applicants should also discuss scholarship options with high school guidance counselors and university personnel. In addition, some fraternal organizations and unions sponsor scholarships for students whose family are members, she said.

Said Bailey: "Research as much as you can."

# Professor opts for 'crowdsourcing' over traditional grading

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McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS (MCT)

DURHAM, N.C. — In one English class this fall, Duke students will grade themselves.

That's the idea behind Cathy Davidson's "This is Your Brain on the Internet" course, an exploration of thought in the rapidly changing age of digital technology.

"Do all the work, you get an A," she writes on a blog explaining her course. "Don't need an A? Don't have time to do all the work? No problem. You can aim for and earn a B. There will be a chart. You do the assignment satisfactorily, you get the points. Add up the points, there's your grade."

That practice, called contract grading, has been employed for decades. Here's the twist: in Davidson's class, students will decide whether the assignments are

completed satisfactorily.

Two students will lead each class, selecting readings and writing assignments and evaluating student work. There will be no exams or research papers, unless a student wants to write one, according to Davidson's blog. Students will work together on a final multimedia project.

On her blog, Davidson explains why she's eschewing traditional grading for this new method, known as "crowdsourcing," in which a task usually done by one person is instead done by a group.

"After returning to teaching after several years as an administrator, I found grading to be the most outmoded, inconsequential, and irrelevant feature of teaching. Thus for (this class), all students will receive the grade of A if they do all the work and their peers certify that they have done so in a satisfactory fashion," she writes. "Everyone who chooses to do the work to the satisfaction of his or her collaborative peers in the course will receive an A, but no one is required to do all of the work or to earn an A."

Davidson's approach to this course is unusual, said Todd Zakrajsek, executive director of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's Center for Faculty Excellence. Plenty of faculty members take issue with grading, and some surrender a portion of a class to student evaluation, Zakrajsek said. But Davidson is essentially giving students total control of grading.

Doing so, he says, poses a complicated question.

"If the real essence of a college education is to

become a learned individual, grades really are inconsequential," he said. "But we're also using an education to gauge who really is learning."

And it also brings the professor's role into question. Is Davidson's job to simply give students information, or is she a manager, guiding students as they figure out things for themselves?

Zakrajsek doesn't know Davidson, but read the course description on her blog and came away impressed with how thoroughly the course has been thought out. But he does wonder whether students are qualified to decide whether class work is satisfactory.

"She's not way out on the fringe," Zakrajsek said. "She's just adamant about the fact that she doesn't like grades. (But) I think students need real feedback to know how they're doing in the class. Are students the best to make that determination?"

Zach Perret, a Duke senior studying biology and chemistry, said the new class format may lead students to collaborate more and compete less.

"It's a competitive place," Perret said. "Unfortunately, that culture leads to a little too much competition. It may make it a little more about learning."

Lee D. Baker, dean of academic affairs for Duke's Trinity College of Arts & Sciences, said faculty members are encouraged to try new ways of teaching.

"Cathy Davidson is a seasoned instructor and an innovative scholar," Baker said. "And research suggests that the more students are engaged in each aspect of the class, the more learning takes place."

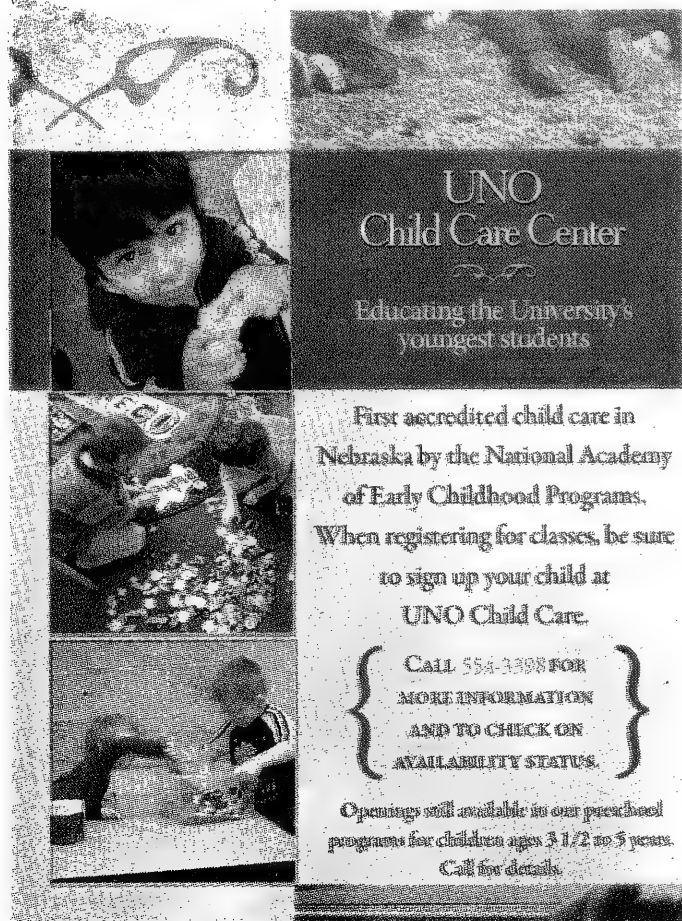
The Chronicle of Higher Education and Inside Higher Ed, two trade publications read heavily in academia, have done stories on Davidson's new course.

Davidson, who has tenure, was on vacation and difficult to reach. She did leave voice mail for The News & Observer saying in part that she is pleasantly surprised by the attention her blog post about her new course has received. The comment section prompted some teachers to encourage her use of crowdsourcing. Others saw value in professors grading.

In 2003, Alex Halavais used a similar approach for a communications course he taught at the State University of New York's Buffalo campus. He likes the idea of having students evaluate each other's work and believes they learn more from each other than from a professor.

But in his class of more than 100 students, students created teams and alliances, forging agreements with each other to drive up the grades of each member of a team while driving down the grades of students outside the clique.

"I had failed to anticipate how collaborative they would be," said Halavais, now a communications professor at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. "Not to do good work, but to get good grades."



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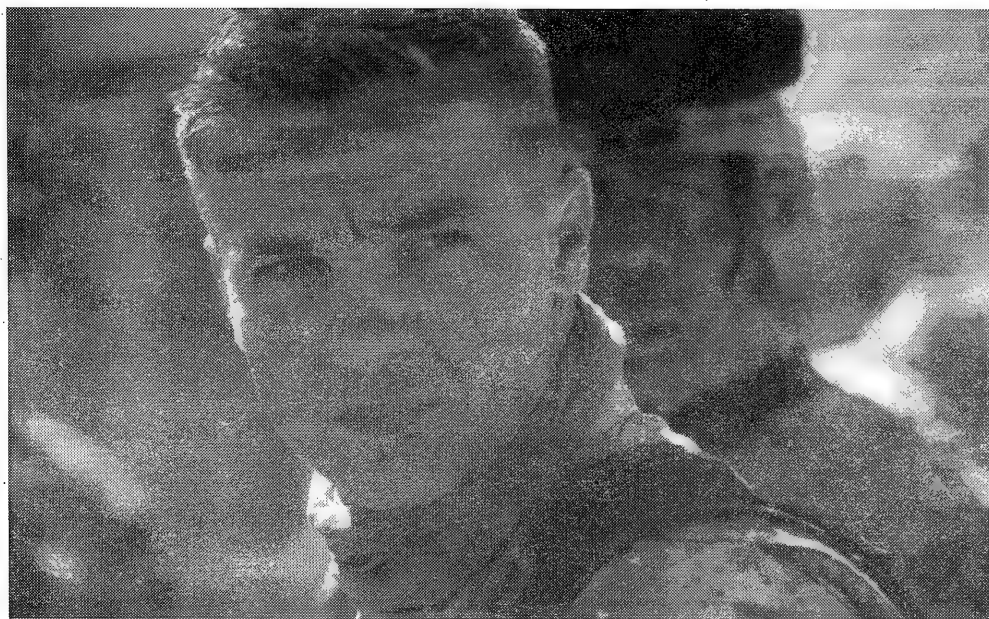
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# The Hurt Locker: An addiction worth dying for



Staff Sgt. William James, played by Jeremy Renner, portrays a very raw side of war in the independent film "The Hurt Locker." (PHOTO COURTESY OF IMDB)

REVIEW BY  
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CONTRIBUTOR

There are many addictions we can fall into. Most of these addictions, however, are ones we choose to start but are compelled to continue. And war is no exception to this rule.

Kathryn Bigelow's "The Hurt Locker," which was named after the fantastic poem by Brian Turner, opens with the blunt statement that "war is a drug." For Staff Sgt. William James (Jeremy Renner), this is most certainly the case.

Based on a true story of a marine stationed in Iraq in 2004, James is called to lead Camp Liberty's Improvised Explosive Device (IED) unit after its former commander was killed in action.

The problem James faces is adapting to his new troops; or rather, the problem that his troops have is adapting to James.

In one scene, James has to wrestle with two fellow marines who are otherwise complete opposites.

If James is addicted to the thrill of war, then Sgt. J.T. Sandborn, played extremely well by the relatively unknown actor Anthony Mackie, is addicted to control and power.

Sanborn, a military tactician through and through, becomes the film's main contention point because James' decisions often risk the lives of his fellow soldiers and are always from the hip.

The other member of the company is Lt. Owen Eldridge (Brian Geraghty) who can't handle the stress of war as well as Sanborn or James, and is always just short of complete and utter mental collapse.

Unlike Sanborn and Eldridge's former leader, James is the textbook definition of unorthodoxy.

The reason for this, while it's never mentioned explicitly in the film, is that James keeps personal relationships at an arms-length distance because he knows that at any time he can be killed.

More than that, he knows that his troops understand this and the less he has to rely on them for support, the more effective he can do his job. This is made painfully clear in a particularly shocking scene involving a young boy James tries to befriend early in the film.

What makes "The Hurt Locker" so interesting is that James does his job extremely well; almost too well. As chaotic as his actions may seem at times, James always knows exactly what he's doing and exactly what the risks are.

What we, as audience members, are given in this film is a rare opportunity to experience, albeit peripherally, these risks and the stress created by one of the world's most dangerous jobs.

Bigelow, a director of intense action films like "K-11: The Widowmaker" and "Point Break" is so successful here because of her partnership with screenwriter Mark Boal ("In the Valley of Elah").

Not just technically successful, which the film very much is, "The Hurt Locker" is emotionally successful as well.

While it's definitely a summer blockbuster-type action film, "The Hurt Locker" is ultimately a powerful war drama which may not hit you until you have left the theater parking lot. But when it hits you, it hits you as hard as the reverberations from an IED blast.

"The Hurt Locker" is easily one of the best films, if not the best film of 2009, let alone the summer.



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In 2003, Pantera officially broke up. Anselmo and Vinnie Paul, Pantera drummer and Abbott's brother, would sling insults back and forth through interviews in popular metal magazines. After Abbott's death, Anselmo would later apologize publicly and now dedicates songs during each show to Abbott when playing with his new band, Down.

Although "Dimebag" is gone, it's his music and tribute shows that keep his memory alive in the hearts of music fans.

"My first albums I bought were Pantera albums," said Satone, vocalist for Shadows of Indra. "I grew up in a small town, so I had to actively search for good music that wasn't country. It made me what I am today."



Dethiacon lead singer Dustin Loos performs during Saturday's tribute show. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

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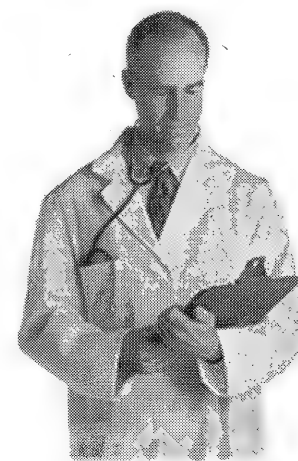
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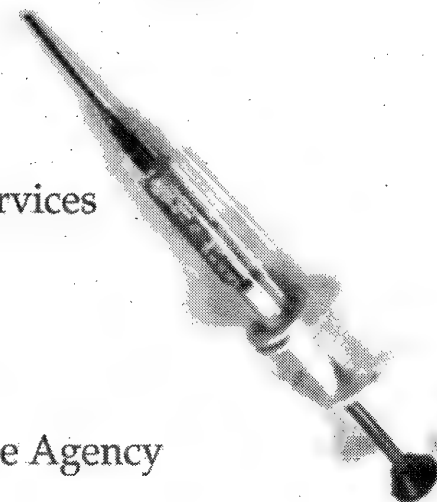
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cashed in on his big junior season, but he wanted another chance to play for Bo and Carl Pelini.

"Last year, I had only about six months with (Pelini's) staff, and one reason I wanted to come back was to see what I could become if I had another year with them," he said.

Guys who don't buy in, of course, have the option to leave. As is standard with any coaching change, NU has had more than a dozen players transfer or quit football since Pelini took over, most notably quarterback Patrick Witt and safeties Major Culbert.

Their departures, of course, open up playing time for those who have learned the new system and are ready to contribute. Zac Lee is poised to lead NU as its signal caller this fall, and Culbert's exit will open up more playing time for Eric Hagg and P.J. Smith.

Having a roster full of players who trust the new coaching staff is essential for having a successful offseason.

"I think a lot of guys were on the bandwagon with them last year," Allen said. "I felt comfortable with the staff when they first got here, and we definitely have some chemistry with them now."

One thing that can affect chemistry is the influx of new talent that signed with NU this spring. Year one offers a new coaching staff its first full chance to recruit exactly the players necessary to rebuild a program, and history has shown true freshman can make a big impact on The Jump.

Florida added Tim Tebow and Percy Harvin for its 2006 title team, and Ohio State brought in Maurice Clarett. Whether or not NU has these types of instant impact newcomers remains to be seen, but their addition is a strong step towards Pelini establishing the program he envisions.

Perhaps the biggest reason why The Jump occurs is the improved bond between coaches and players in year two. Coaches can expect more of their players, and players know what standards they're being held to.

Brown first began coaching at NU in 1987 and knows the continuity of a coaching staff makes a significant difference for a player's development.

"It's important for them," he said. "That's why the second year is so crucial. The first year, you're told a lot of things, and it's kind of hitting you. If you keep preaching and drilling the same thing, it becomes habit and sinks into your bloodstream. Then it's a matter of them stepping on the gas pedal."

The improved relationship between coaches and players in fall practices has already made a noticeable difference.

"They don't yell quite as much because we're on a similar understanding," center Jacob Hickman said. "That helps. When you get on the same page you can start to do things the right way."

Linebackers coach Mike Ekeler said his players should be much-improved this fall for that very reason.

"An overall understanding of what the expectations are around here and how to prepare, the system, the scheme and the familiarity will let these guys pin their ears back a little bit," Ekeler said.

The common understanding of the playbook and the system allows coaches to throw more complicated schemes in the mix, and NU's players will see plenty of that this fall.

Last year, NU's defense was ready to stop Missouri's spread offense with a complicated defensive line scheme. A 35-point loss ensued. Pelini blamed himself for the defeat and admitted he put too much on players who were still

learning to execute correctly.

"I love when the coaches throw crazy stuff at us, and I'm excited to see more of that," Allen said. "The coaches definitely know us now, and they know how to throw it at us. They teach it in a way we can easily learn, and I'm excited for it."

The transition in year one required using a simplified playbook that asked for execution over intricacy.

"We threw in little knicks and knacks here and there in different weeks, but for the most part it was pretty simple," cornerback Anthony West said. "Coach (Marvin) Sanders is going to give us more ways to play this year, and everyone's more comfortable this year."

Safety Larry Asante admits last year's 55th-ranked defense struggled with miscommunication and busted coverage at times. This year, though, he understands the "why" aspect of NU's defensive strategy.

"It's a wonderful thing when you understand why you're doing things," he said. "If you understand what the linebacker in front of you is doing and what the corner beside you is doing, you can play your assignments and understand the defense."

Asante calls Pelini's defense a puzzle. If each player understands which piece he is and where he's meant to be, things fall into place quickly.

This year, NU is ready for a bigger, more complicated puzzle, and if all the pieces can come together in time, the Huskers might be in store for The Jump.

"We're trying to fit the whole puzzle together," Pelini said. "We're trying to find out specifically who fits in where, and there's still a lot to be done."

# Roomie matches made in cyberspace

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CHICAGO — For Satit Koonopakarn, the gold dagger and book of chants were the first signs of trouble.

His freshman roommate at the University of Illinois at Chicago pulled out the items on move-in day, explaining that he was a Wiccan and liked to practice witchcraft. Months later, Koonopakarn said, he awoke during the night to find the roommate standing over his bed casting a spell.

"I was lying there thinking, 'Please God, don't let anything bad happen to me,'" Koonopakarn said with a chuckle.

Like most colleges with residence halls, U of I-Chicago makes an effort to pair first-year roommates who are compatible, often taking into consideration personality assessments and lifestyle questionnaires, among other factors. But some matches still result in disaster.

To minimize the horror stories, a small but growing number of schools are inserting online technology into the equation. They are setting up their own social networking sites, instructing students to create a profile, and select a roommate for themselves — like Match.com for dorms.

Assigned roommates have already seized on Facebook and Myspace as a way to learn more about each other. Colleges field complaints from students, and their parents, seeking roommate changes even before the school year begins. Loyola University recently heard from the mother of a student who pulled up a photo of her roommate's house on Google Maps and deemed it too shabby.

While some schools are now trying to use the technology to their advantage, other schools are pushing forward with traditional matchmaking, insisting students need to branch out of their comfort zones and experience diversity.

For the nearly 2.8 million freshmen heading off to college — one of the highest numbers in history — the roommate relationship may have the single greatest impact on their college experience, studies show. Students dissatisfied with their roommates are more likely to feel negative about college and suffer lower grade-point

averages and retention rates.

"It can make or break a student," said Mike Schultz, director of university housing at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, who serves as president of the Association of College and University Housing Officers International. "Some students will leave a university if they have a poor experience. I've also seen marginal students with great student relationships succeed with the extra support."

DePaul University had used a lifestyle questionnaire when matching freshmen roommates, striving to pair early birds with other early birds, self-confessed slobos with equally messy classmates, and smokers with those who shared the habit. But eight years ago, the university scaled back the criteria, asking only which residence hall and type of room the student preferred, said Rick Moreci, director of housing services.

"When we asked more questions, the students were even more upset when we made a bad match," Moreci explained. "With less factors at play, students don't have as much of a basis to complain."

Starting next year, the college will take its hands-off approach further, allowing freshmen to select their roommate through an online networking site created by a company called Lifetopia.

Lifetopia-designed sites allow students to post photos and details about their background and interests, then shop around for compatible classmates.

Within the past several years, the company has signed contracts with more than a dozen colleges, including San Francisco State University.

The California school offers the Lifetopia network to students selecting roommates for off-campus housing and a similar in-house online networking program for those living in residence halls on campus.

"We've found that there's less conflict when the roommates select each other," said Philippe Cumia, the school's associate director for administrative services. "Giving them a choice gives them a greater stake in the relationship and making it work."

Even at schools without Lifetopia, some students are selecting their roommates through Facebook and MySpace.

This summer, Danielle Sterczek, 18, of Palatine, Ill., and Krysten Karns, 18,

of Aledo, Ill., received random roommate assignments from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. But once they discovered each other's profiles days later on a group of incoming freshmen formed on Facebook, they successfully sought a swap.

Based on their profiles and online chats, it appeared they had a lot in common — including playing high school sports. As long as everyone, including the original roommates, was in agreement, the college approved.

But many colleges insist that by selecting roommates online, freshmen miss out on the valuable learning experience that comes from living with people of different backgrounds.

"The more diverse the mix, the more interesting the conversation, thoughts and experiences that will emerge," said Katie Callow-Wright, director of undergraduate housing at the University of Chicago.

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# UNO student crowned regional "Miss Hooters"

TODD HANSEN  
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Junior Melissa Lilly is no stranger to the pageant circuit. She has competed in the local "Miss Hooters" competition for the past three years only to be named a runner-up each time.

This year, however, her luck was bound to change.

On Aug. 6, Lilly was named regional "Miss Hooters" and will fly to Las Vegas next July to compete in the 14th annual International Hooters pageant where she could also win \$50,000 and a modeling contract.

Lilly made her way through the competition by originally facing off with 11 other girls in the "Miss Hooters" charity swimsuit pageant in mid-July. The contest was held at the Hooters restaurant located on 120th Street and West Center Road where she placed third, allowing her to advance to the regional charity swimsuit contest.

"I wasn't expecting to get better than third," Lilly said. "I have done the pageant for the last three years and it's a blast, so I figured I would do it again."

The Hooters restaurant in Council Bluffs held the second competition where it pitted participants from Omaha, Council Bluffs, Des Moines and Davenport against each other. The bikini battle would end in Lilly being crowning the winner.

"I was surprised," said the self-proclaimed tomboy. "I still am."

The 22-year-old early childhood and elementary education major was a crowd favorite during the competition.

"A couple thousand people showed up," Carrie Turner said. Turner works as the Hooters store manager for the Council Bluffs restaurant. "It was a total mix of people; all ages and all walks of life."

Since the pageant, Lilly is concentrating on school, work and getting into better shape by hitting the gym five

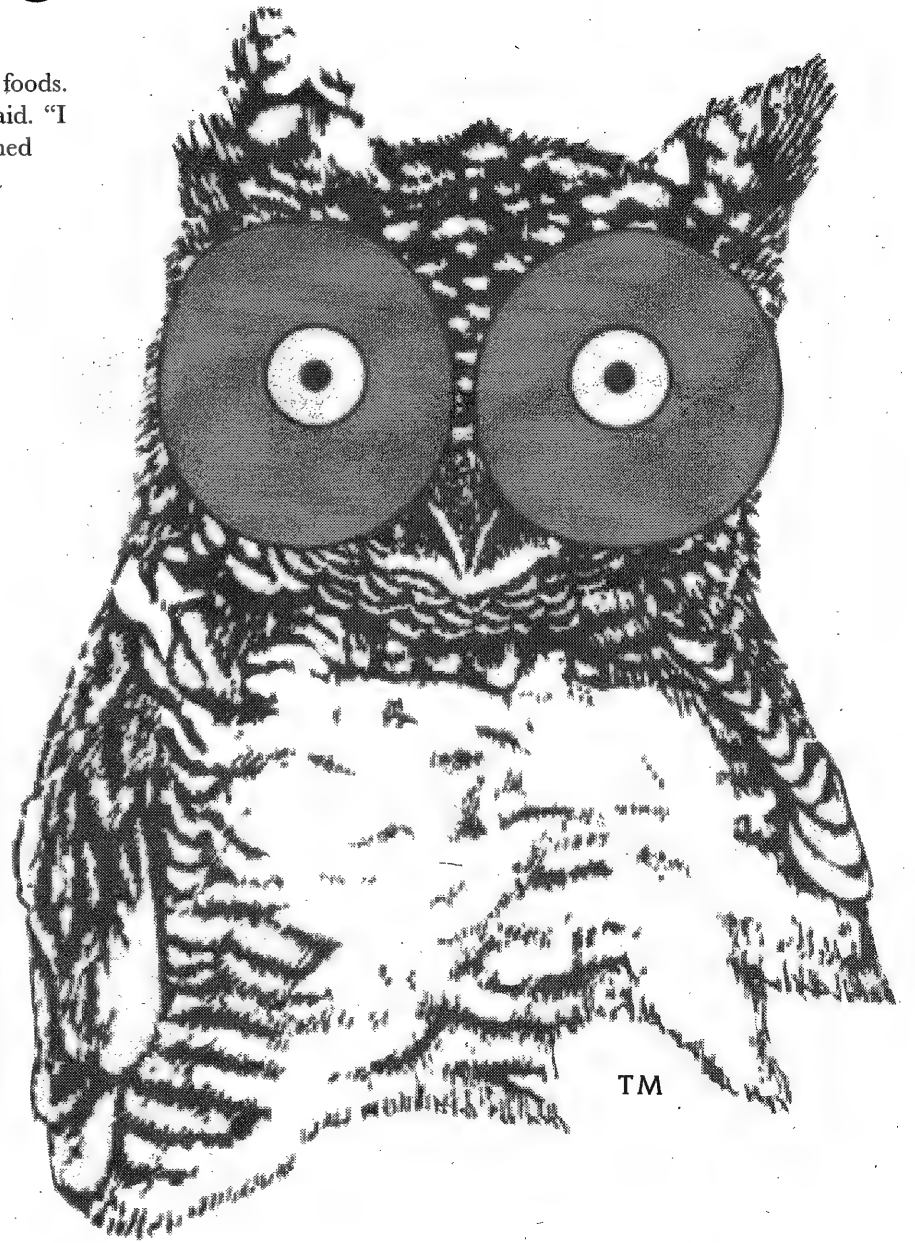
times a week and eating nutritious foods.

"Dieting will be hard," she said. "I have to become a lot more disciplined to eat healthier. There will be a lot of returning girls who have experience."

Even though the local "Miss Hooters" contest was only open to servers who work at the restaurant, money donated to the pageants, both locally and regionally, went towards various charities in their communities. This year, the money raised at the Omaha Hooters was donated to the Food Bank.

"We wanted a local charity to that would benefit Omaha," said Darrell Wilson, manager of the Omaha Hooters restaurant.

Winning the International Swimsuit pageant could change Lilly's life. Last year's winner Rachel Holtgrave from Columbia, Mo., beat out 133 other contestants and took home \$50,000.



# Local events brings TV fall fashion close to home

RACHEL GEORGE  
CONTRIBUTOR

Have you ever wanted to raid the closet of your favorite TV show character? For fans of the CW Network, their wishes came true on Aug. 22 when the Village Pointe Shopping Center hosted the OMG Fashion show.

Fashions inspired by CW shows like "Gossip Girl," "90210," "America's Next Top Model," "Melrose Place," "Vampire Diaries," "Supernatural" and "Smallville" graced the runway in hopes of giving local students going back to school ideas on how to spice up their wardrobe for the fall.

What was strutted down the runway, from clothing to shoes and accessories, could be found and purchased at several Omaha boutiques and stores at Village Pointe.

"KXVO approached us and asked us if we would be interested [in hosting the show]," Village Pointe marketing director Kim Jones said. "We thought it sounded like a fun-themed fashion show."

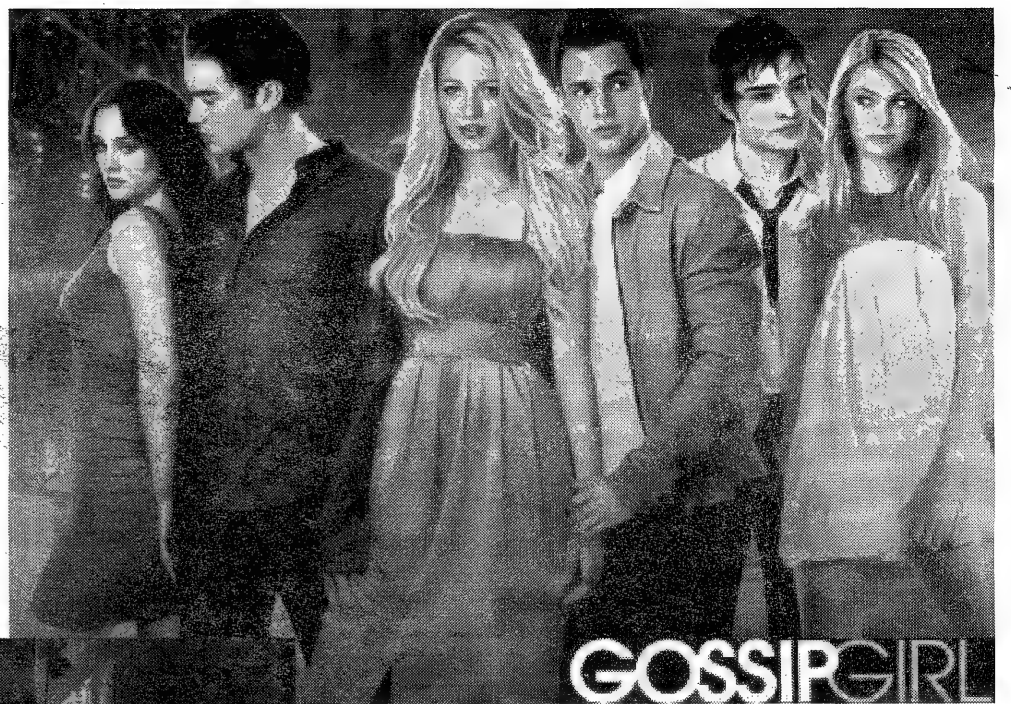
This free event kicked off at 2 p.m. outside in the Village Pointe's Alegent Health Amphitheater. Courtney Vacanti of KXVO's "Omaha Living" show hosted the event. Hair and makeup were provided by Village Pointe's Garbo's salon, with makeup assistance by Sephora and Te'Bella Medspa.

Agency 89 provided the models for the event by holding an open casting call.

"It's a big fashion show. I was excited when I heard it was [hosted by] The CW and Village Pointe," model Maghalie Kafweko said.

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skinny jeans, ruffled-front tops and strappy pumps. Styles from "90210" showcased leopard prints, leggings and motorcycle jackets. "America's Next Top Model" themed attire displayed knee-high boots, bold prints and large handbags. "Beautiful Life" fashions promoted belted waists, brightly colored cardigans and bags. Plaid patterns, leggings and knee-high boots were a reoccurring style in "Melrose Place" pieces while looks from the "Vampire Diaries" set included vests and lots of collared, button-up shirts. Lastly, "Smallville" outfits took on more of a casual approach with plaid shorts, DC shoes and lots of hoodies.

"I liked seeing all the fashion," spectator Kayla Eggenberg said.

After the show, viewers were encouraged to try and find their favorite looks in stores. Many stores gave discounts the day of the show to promote shoppers to find their own person "OMG" back-to-school outfits.

Kafweko said she loved modeling the fashions in the show, and hoped she would get to keep her outfit.

"I wish they would have given it to me," Kafweko said.

The show was sponsored by Village Pointe, The Reader and KXVO 15.

Along with the runway show, several door prizes, including gift cards to Village Pointe stores and an iPod nano, were given away to many audience members. A "Gossip Girl" inspired outfit from White House Black Market was auctioned off for \$180 to benefit the YWCA Omaha's Career Clothing Closet, a service which provides women with fashionable business attire to use for job interviews, court visits and other meetings in a professional environment.

The first set of looks modeled were inspired by "Gossip Girl" and included trends like argyle, super

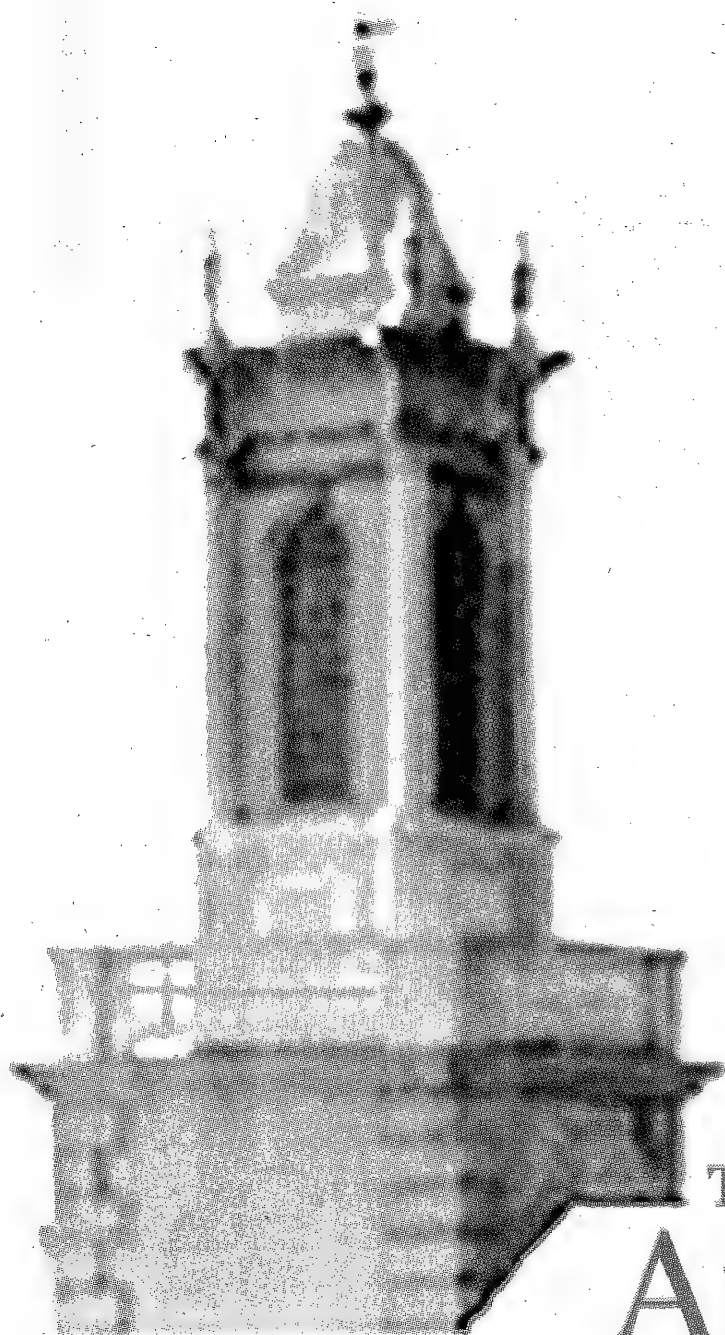
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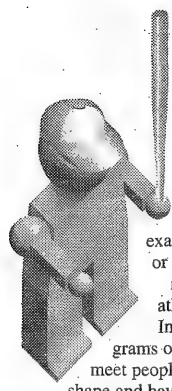
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### Intramural sports

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Intramural sports programs offer a terrific way to meet people, stay in shape and have a great

time all in one.

And even though fun is the first reason to join an intramural sports team, being involved in one also can provide broader benefits, even helping to improve your overall satisfaction with college life.

According to "The Value of Recreational Sports in Higher Education," a study conducted by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA), involvement in recreational sports provides a wide range of benefits for students, such as:

- Improving emotional wellbeing
- Reducing stress
- Improving happiness
- Improving self-confidence
- Building character
- Aiding in time management skills
- Improving leadership skills

... just to name a few.

Katherine Otten, editor and assistant director of marketing for the NIRSA, said most schools will have a main recreational facility with information on recreational sports.

"Stopping by this facility and talking with staff there is the best way of getting to know what a school offers," Otten said. "Many have a staff member dedicated to intramural programming."

Otten said the most popular intramural sports are typically flag football, basketball, soccer and volleyball, though these are certainly not the only sports offered at most schools.

If you want to scope out the intramural scene at your school before you arrive on campus, Otten suggests checking out your school's Web site and searching under recreational sports.

### Greek life

Greek life carries a certain stigma with it, yes — but skeptics, don't count it out just yet. If you aren't part of or planning to be part of any other groups, Greek life can be a great way to get involved in a group at school.

"It is a wonderful way to meet people," said Kris Bridges, a member of the National Panhellenic Conference Executive Committee and chairman of the College Panhellenics. "It makes the college campus seem a lot smaller to make those connections and get to know people."

The thing to keep in mind is that the experience differs greatly depending on the school. Greek life certainly may not be for everyone. If you detest being surrounded by large groups of girls on a regular basis, for example, joining a sorority might not be your first choice. If you love being involved and active and working in groups, maybe it's just for you.

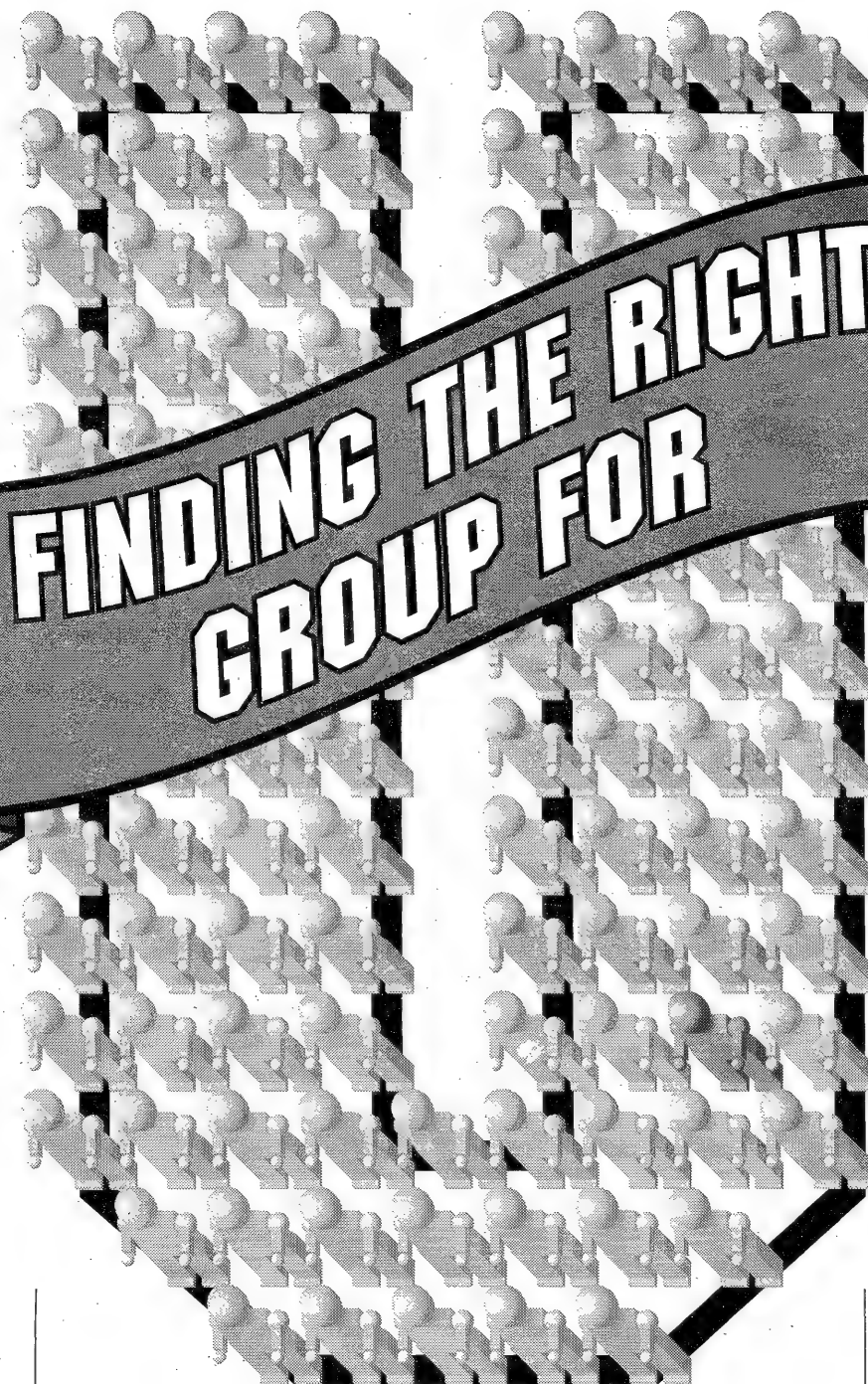
Here are a few general recruitment tips for incoming freshmen from [thesororitylife.com](http://thesororitylife.com), a Web site powered by the NPC, though these tips also apply to guys and fraternities as well:

- Be yourself.
- Have genuine and honest conversations.
- Spend time really getting to know the members.
- Expose yourself to the chapter experience.
- Seek accurate information from the college or university.
- Look for the group where you feel the most comfortable.
- Keep an open mind.
- Trust the process.
- Have fun.

To learn more about whether Greek life is for you, you can visit [www.thesororitylife.com](http://www.thesororitylife.com) or [www.fraternityinfo.com](http://www.fraternityinfo.com) for general information on sororities and fraternities, respectively.

### Student government

For aspiring politicians, student government is a logical choice, and chances are there's



# FINDING THE RIGHT GROUP FOR

## Student groups are a good way for college freshmen to meet people, adapt to collegiate life

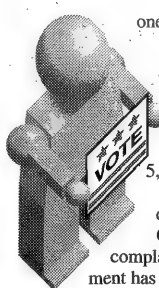
By Derby Cox and Dagny Leonard, McClatchy-Tribune

**F**reshman year, a time for new beginnings, personal growth and awkward social situations.

If you're like most freshmen, finding yourself in a sea of strangers can be jarring, and making friends is one of the most important things on your mind.

Parties are fun, but it's hard enough to hear yourself think, let alone get to know anyone else with the music thumping. One of the surest ways to find friends who share your interests is to join student groups.

At many schools, there's a group for nearly every interest from government to gardening. Keep reading to learn about some of the most popular choices, as well as how to find more offbeat options or start your own club.



one at your school.

Butch Oxendine, executive director of the American Student Government Association, said his organization tracks about 5,000 institutions — about 4,500 of which have student governments.

College students often complain that student government has little ability to change the school, but Oxendine says the key is to have realistic goals.

"Can they build a new parking garage tomorrow? No," he said. But the government might be able to make smaller changes like

adding a copying machine or extending library hours, he said.

"Stuff like that, it sounds silly, but for a lot of students, it really matters for their lives."

Although officer elections are typically held in the spring, many schools elect senators in the fall, he said. The difficulty of winning an election depends on the school.

"Some schools go begging for candidates, and you can get elected by being alive," he said. "But at other schools, it's much harder and you have to campaign aggressively."

If you want to get a taste of student government before running for office, you may be able to fill an unelected position — as a committee or cabinet member, for example.

Time commitments vary widely, Oxendine said. A student government president at a

large school may spend 40 hours per week on the position and may receive monetary compensation. Meanwhile, senators can put in just a few hours a week.

The makeup of student government is different from school to school, Oxendine said.

Governments at large state schools may be full of political science majors prepping for a career in politics, while at smaller schools they might be made up of nursing majors just looking to improve the campus, he said.

### Clubs and special interest groups

If Greek life is not for you, you don't like sports or have no big dreams for your student political career, don't worry — you have not exhausted all your options.

Special interest groups and student clubs are a great way to meet people that share your interests that you might not otherwise run into.

"The best thing to do is to go to a student org fair at the beginning of the year," said Tatum Enslin, a junior at the George Washington University and student employee for undergraduate admissions.

There you can find anything from chess club to various religious groups to ballroom dancing societies—the bigger the school, the more groups they are likely to have.

"The first week or two of freshman year just go to the first meeting of any and all clubs that you might be interested in, then choose the ones you really want once you experience it all," Enslin said.

And what if you can't find a group that fits your niche?

If somehow you are the only one brilliant enough to realize that what your school really needs is a cheese tasting club or a bird watching group, then you can always take control and start your own.

The process will not be exactly the same at each school. Enslin suggests that those interested in starting their own group visit their school's student activities center to learn about the proper steps.

Most importantly, don't be afraid to branch out. Let's face it, college might be your only chance to assemble your own personal army of cheese-tasters — so take advantage of it while you can!

### Campus media

For motivated students, working for campus media can provide a unique thrill.

"Breaking a story or turning around a great newspaper creates a feeling that does not compare to anything else," Emily Glazer, editor in chief of The Daily Northwestern at Northwestern University, wrote in an e-mail.

Whether you're interested in standing in front of a television camera, sitting behind a microphone at the radio station or grilling sources for the newspaper, campus media give you the chance to develop your communication skills and pick up some valuable professional experience.

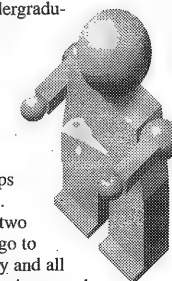
Campus media come in a variety of flavors. Some college newspapers print daily; others print weekly or monthly. Some media organizations receive school funds and oversight, while others are completely independent.

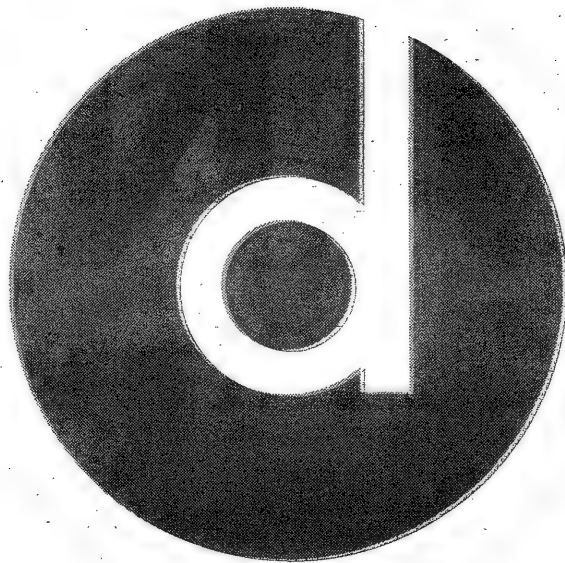
One of the benefits — and one of the challenges — of working for campus media is a learning experience that can't be replicated in the classroom.

"No amount of classroom instruction can truly prepare someone for the experience of being on the mic and 'on the air,'" Scott Maxwell, general manager of the University of Maryland's radio station, wrote in an e-mail. "It's trial by fire — you have to sit down and simply do it — and that's how you learn."

The work can be time-consuming. Allie Gragreen, editor in chief of the Oregon Daily Emerald at the University of Oregon, estimated the average staff time commitment is about 25 hours per week. Some media organizations pay their staff, but don't expect to rake in the cash — most students do it for the love of the job.

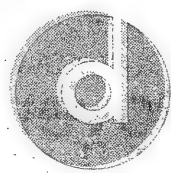
"I wouldn't be doing it — especially to this extent — if I didn't love it," Northwestern's Glazer wrote.





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# College students struggle to gain experience and pay their bills

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — When college senior Kristina Webb, 23, decided to take an unpaid internship at a newspaper this summer, she thought she could make it work. She would live at home, get a part-time job, and cut back her spending. Her parents offered to help her pay for food and gas.

But then Kristina's father got laid off from his construction job, the family budget tightened, and Kristina, who attends Palm Beach Atlantic University, did not hear back from any of 35 part-time jobs she applied to. Blame it on the economy.

"Everybody's hurting; employers and students," said Dawn Howard, Associate Director of the Career Development Center at Florida Atlantic University.

As companies cut costs, the number of internship opportunities offered nationwide has dropped 21 percent from last year, according to the Pennsylvania-based National Association of Colleges and Employers. Many that remain are unpaid.

"We used to pay, but we're not doing that anymore," said Tom Triozzi, senior vice president of BankAtlantic, which stopped paying interns in 2008 when the economy took a downturn.

"We ask them to work for free for a great work experience," Triozzi said.

It's this desire for experience that pushes

students like Kristina to intern. "I know that if I don't, it's going to be harder for me to get a job in the future," Webb said. So she got a job pet-sitting and interns several times a week at the Palm Beach's Town-Crier newspaper, without pay.

"It's really frustrating, especially since I actually produce content for the Town-Crier," Webb said. "But it's definitely worth

it."

More than ever, internships are viewed as the surest route to a job after graduation. "Having an internship is absolutely essential," said Christine Childers, director of Career Development at Lynn University, who advises, "Whatever it takes, it's important that students do it."

But as the recession drags on, it's taking a lot more than it used to, leaving students in a bind. They are told that internships are essential, no matter the cost, but as opportunities shrink and costs rise, they're forced to ask: is this worth it?

"If a student is in a hardship situation, payment can make a difference between whether they can intern or not," Childers said.

For some, working for free is simply not possible.

"It denies low income kids an opportunity," said Barbara Pippin, special assistant to the president for governmental relations at Broward College. "Internships are similar to what study abroad programs used to be: if you had money, you could go."

For these students, internships become part of a daily balancing act. "They have to juggle work and school and internships, along with their other responsibilities, just to put in two or three hours, just so they can say 'I did this,'" Pippin said.

It's a familiar situation for Amir Arab, 23. He had an unpaid internship last summer before being hired at a Miami

financial company. Despite the positive experience, he said, one summer of unpaid work was enough. "I have a mortgage, and I have a daughter," he said.

"No one is going to pay my bills."

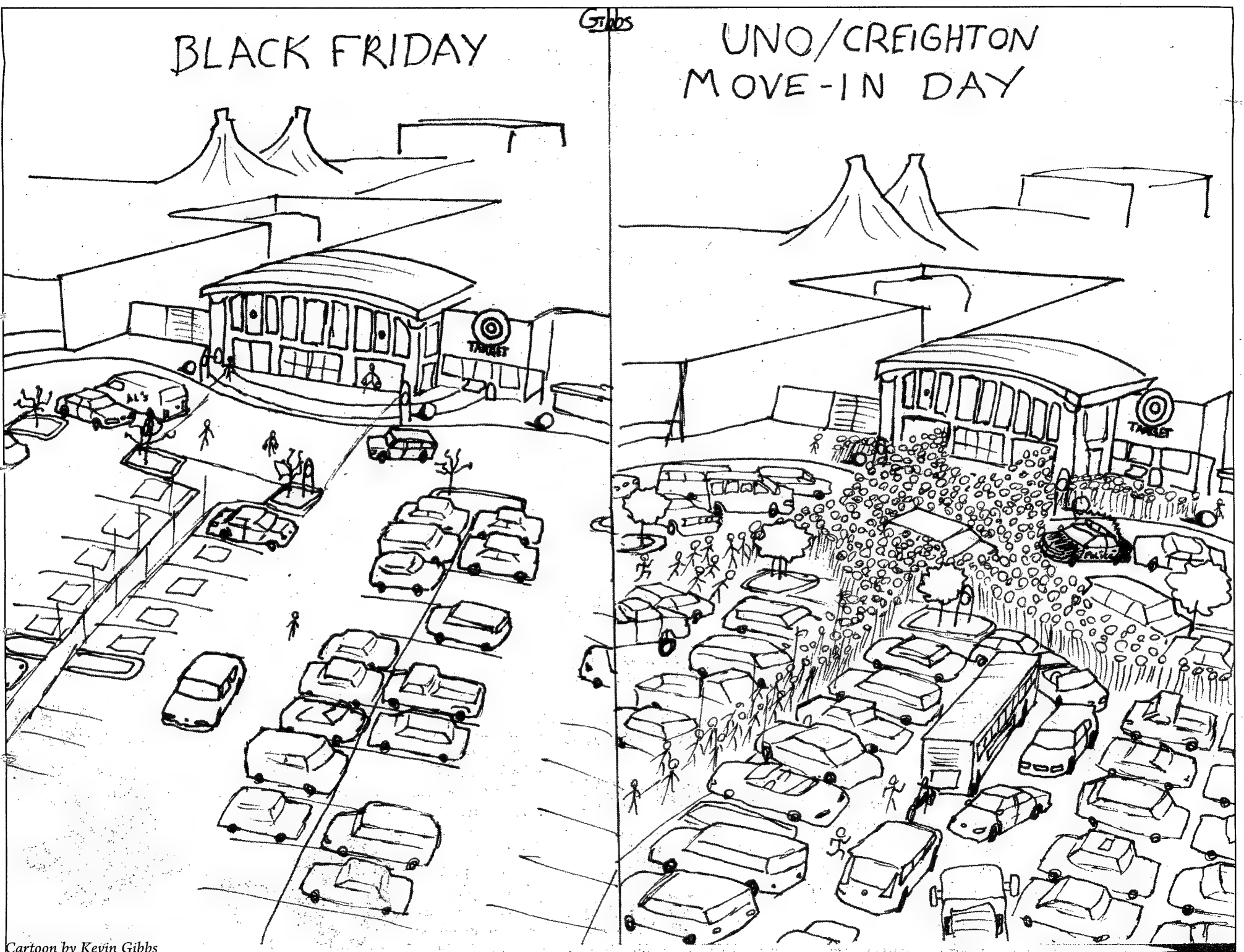
There is some good news, however. Companies like Target have kept their internship programs running—and paying—despite the sluggish economy, realizing the value of internships as recruiting tools.

"We get a lot of great talent," said Victor Rota, group campus recruiter for Target. "Seventy to eighty percent of them come back to work for us, so the return on the investment is there."

Moreover, companies that offer paid internships are increasing the hourly wage by 5 percent, moving the national average to \$17.13 per hour, according to NACE. "That reflects an understanding that interns may need more money than they did before," said Carolyn Wise, senior education editor for Vault Inc, career information provider and publisher of The Vault Guide to Top Internships.

Students taking unpaid internships are encouraged to ask for help, Wise said. "Sometimes companies will work with you to ease the financial burden. There are also a number of colleges that offer summer fellowships to cover internship expenses," she said.

While internships remain important even in a time of financial hardship and job scarcity, students are asked to balance humility with a sense of self-worth. "Students have to show a willingness to work hard," Childers said. "But at the same time, they need to be valued, and if employers can pay them, then they should."



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### **T. Leon Williams**

In a 2000 publication of the New Republic, Youngstown, Ohio was profoundly described as the "Most Crooked City in America." In many respects, Youngstown was regarded as the newly infested drug emporium of the Midwest. T. Leon Williams, a product of Youngstown, utilized the unpredictable life of mayhem to discover

his passion for education, marginalized individuals and groups, and service.

From very modest beginnings, T. Leon Williams has earned a Bachelor degree from Ohio Northern University in Business Administration and a Masters of Science of Education from The University of Dayton. Currently, Williams is pursuing a Doctorate of Philosophy in Interdisciplinary Studies with a specialization in Social Psychology and emphasis in Cultural Trauma.

Today, T. Leon Williams is the Director of the Multicultural Center at Elon University in Elon, North Carolina. From 2000-2008, Williams served as the Director of Intercultural Program at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Prior to his appointment at Buena Vista University, Williams devoted 7 years to Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio as the Director of Multicultural Development and Assistant Football Coach.

In addition to his role in higher education, Williams has traveled to 25 different states, reaching more than 10,000 faculty, staff, and students for nearly 10 years. He has been the featured speaker at some of the most prominent multicultural conferences in the country, NASPA, NCORE, National Multicultural Conference, SEPC, among others. In addition to the diversity training workshops and seminars, Williams assumes the persona of Dr. King and performs a dramatic interpretation of what would Dr. King have to say today in his monologue, "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory." Williams' entrepreneurial spirit has earned him the title of chief and editor of "Revolutionary Diversity," a corporate newsletter designed to educate senior executives on team leadership and diversity.

# Credit card reform paves harder path to lure students

DERBY COX  
McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE (MCT)

Where did all the free T-shirts go?

Thanks to the credit card reform act signed into law by President Obama May 22, college students may soon have this question on their minds as they wander about campus.

The act will restrict card companies from using giveaways to lure college student customers, one of several reforms aimed to protect young adults. But the credit card industry contends the law will make it harder to get credit after it goes into effect in February.

"In the past, credit card companies were allowed to market aggressively, to give people premiums, trinkets, T-shirts, sandwiches just for filling out an application and students don't know always what the consequence of that will be," said Jim Campen, executive director of Americans for Fairness in Lending. "They have a history of giving credit cards to college students who don't have any ability to repay the loan and don't know what they may be getting into."

Besides the restrictions on giveaways, the act contains several provisions specifically designed to protect young adults:

— No one under 21 will be able to receive a credit card without a cosigner or proof they will be able to pay the bills.

— Card companies will be unable to raise limits on accounts with a cosigner without the cosigner's approval.

— The law limits card companies' ability to send young people preapproved offers.

— Universities will have to publicize deals with card companies.

Campen said the changes will help to stop the victimization of young people by credit card companies, which he said often try to get young people into debt under the assumption their parents will bail them out.

Gail Cunningham, vice president of public relations for the National Foundation of Credit Counseling, said the regulations would help to bring the rules for offering credit to young people in line with the general population. College-aged people are the "only segment" of the population that can get credit cards "with no credit history and no income," she said.

But the cosigner provision could prevent some young people from getting credit cards who could use them responsibly, said Peter Garuccio, senior director of public relations for the American Bankers Association.

"There are some people who maybe can't get (a cosigner), who don't have a parent or guardian who are willing," he said.

The law will also prevent practices some consumer advocates say credit-card companies use to gouge consumers. Card companies will be restricted from raising interest rates on existing balances, for example, and they will have to give cardholders 45 days notice before raising rates.

But the provisions may result in higher rates and less credit for everyone, Garuccio said.

"A person's individual financial situation can change very dramatically over a very short

period of time," Garuccio said. "And what the legislation says is you can't (readjust rates) with the same degree of specificity as you used to be able to."

"If you don't have the ability to manage the risks that individuals pose, then you're going to have a situation in which credit is less available for certain groups," he said. That means young people, who often have short financial histories, may have a harder time getting credit cards.

But less credit isn't necessarily a bad thing, especially when credit is no longer being offered to people with no ability to pay like unemployed college students, Campen said.

"We do not believe that more credit is always better," Campen said. "And when companies say well there's going to be less credit as a result, we say good."

And probable interest rate hikes don't tell the whole story, Campen said. Provisions restricting companies from using deceptive practices to charge consumers costly penalty fees may save the public money, he said.

Still, it's important not to overlook the cost of the bill, Garuccio said.

"It's always very easy to suggest that certain people shouldn't be able to get credit if you're not one of those people," he said.

The new regulations come at a time when college credit card use is at an all-time high. Eighty-four percent of college students have at least one credit card, up eight points from 2004, according to a Sallie Mae study released in April. Students have an average of more than four credit cards each, and median student credit card debt has risen to \$1,645 from \$946 since 2004, according to the study. Thirty percent of respondents said they had charged tuition to a credit card.

Cunningham said only about 3 percent of people who seek counseling with her organization are 24 or younger. But almost 20 percent are between 25 and 34 years old, and many may be plagued with credit issues that began as young adults, she said.

Early financial troubles can hurt many aspects of adult financial life, she said. Potential employers, lenders and insurers may all check credit history, she said.

The new regulations don't go into place until early next year. So what should young people be doing now?

Students don't need to rush to get a credit card, Campen said.

"When you need a credit rating, it's not that hard to get one," Campen said. "It doesn't take a very long time."

Cunningham said it is a good idea to build a credit history — which is necessary to secure loans for big-ticket items like houses and cars — but that college students shouldn't necessarily get their own cards.

Instead, when possible, young people should start off with cards tied to their parents' accounts, she said. In this way, students can inherit their parents' good credit and learn from people with financial experience, she said.

"I think the benefits of building a credit file that way is that the parents and the student can sit down, define the parameters: how much the student is allowed to charge each month on the account, etc." she said.



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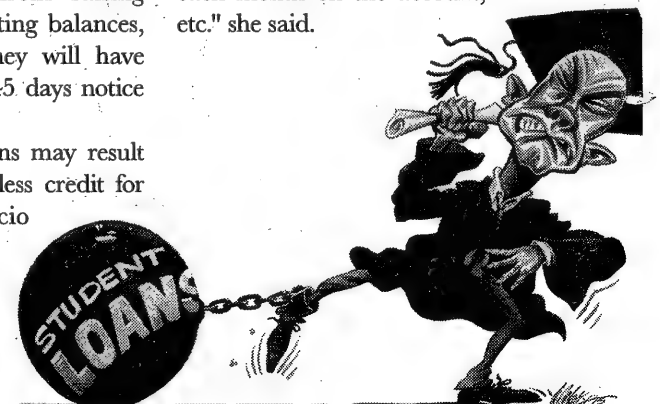
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# Four-day music festival to aid Mav Radio

ANDREA CIUREJ  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Nebraska Pop Festival, a benefit for UNO's MAV Radio, will feature four nights of indie pop bands from all around the world.

"Pretty much if it's local or not heard on any other station, that's what we try to play," said Matt Beat, concert organizer and MAV Radio Web administrator.

Beat said the idea of a "pop" festival can be misleading, though.

"Don't be deceived by the word 'pop,'" Beat said. "It's really any kind of music that is catchy and that most people will like... and that's really what this music is — really catchy songs, but bands that no one has heard of."

The festival will open on Aug. 27 with performances at the Barley Street Tavern, 2735 N. 62nd St., for ages 21 and older. Concertgoers of all ages are invited to attend the performances held at the Waiting Room, 6212 Maple St., from Aug. 28 to Aug. 30. However, those age 17 and under will need a notarized parental permission form on file at the venue.

All proceeds will assist MAV Radio's daily

operations. The proceeds will also support the launch of the station's HD signal at 90.7-2 FM on Sept. 9.

Tickets are available at the door for \$10. Tickets for the Friday and Sunday shows can be purchased for \$8 and for the Thursday show for \$5 if done so in advance. Four-day passes are available for \$25 through etix.com.

Below is a list of bands and the date of their performances.

**Thursday, August 27, at the Barley Street Tavern at 7 p.m. for ages 21 and older:**

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- \* Magic Crayon of the United Kingdom
- \* Honey and Darling of Omaha
- \* The Tincakes of Chicago
- \* Pennyhawk of Ames, Iowa

**Friday, August 28, at the Waiting Room at 7 p.m. for all ages:**

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- \* Transmittens of Lawrence, Kan.
- \* Mr. and Mrs. Muffins of Seattle and Jakarta, Indonesia
- \* Talking Mountain of Omaha
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- \* Strega of New York City

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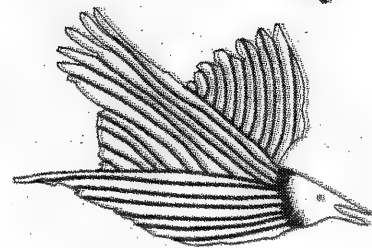
- \* Electric Needle Room of Omaha
- \* Jam on Bread of Manchester, UK
- \* Labrador with special guest Dereck Higgins on bass of Copenhagen, Denmark
- \* Mammoth Life of Lawrence, Kan.
- \* Thunder Power of Omaha
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**Sunday, August 30, at the Waiting Room at 7 p.m. for all ages:**

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- \* Probably My Son of Dallas
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- \* At Land of Omaha
- \* The Mother Z's of Chicago
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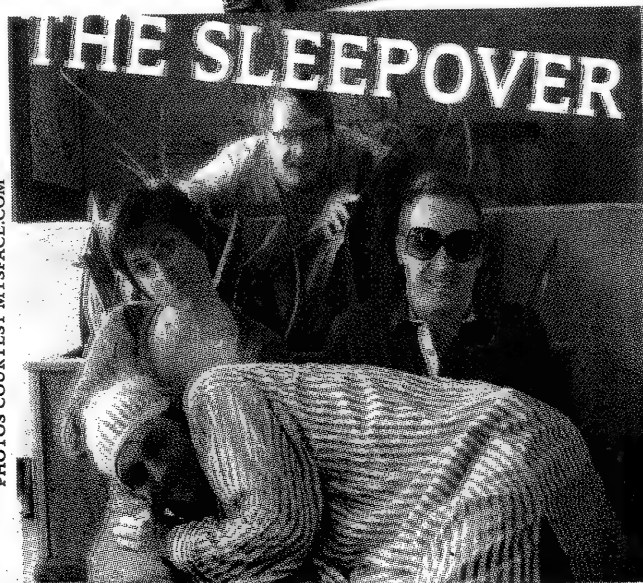
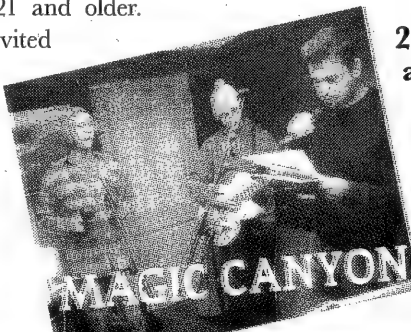
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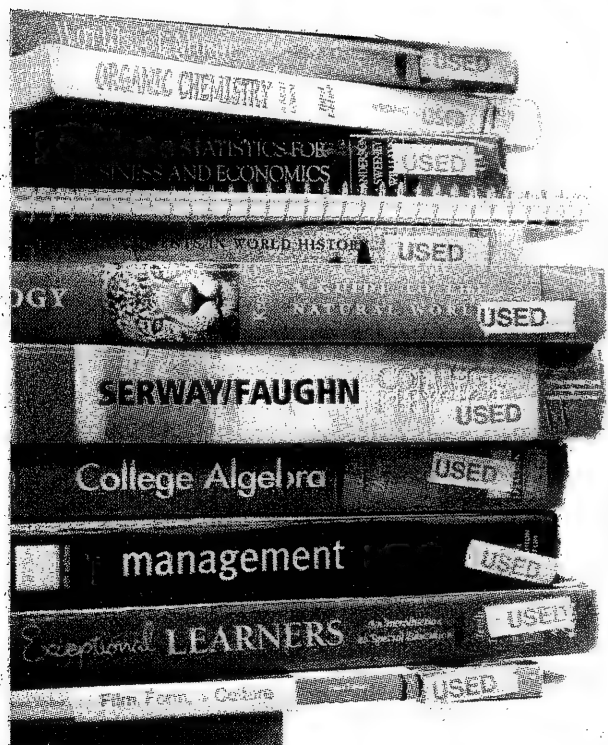
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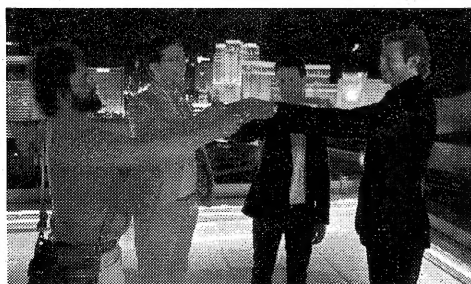
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# Best and worst summer movies of 2009

**RYAN BABULA**  
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**UWIRE** - The summer of 2009 has had a fairly disappointing roster of films so far. In the past few months, I've been able to catch about 75 percent of this season's offerings, missing out on some due to lack of time or lack of interest. Of the films that I was able to see, here's my list of the best and the worst.



## **Best:**

### **"Star Trek"**

Easily one of the best of the "Star Trek" series of films, this is the first bona fide hit of the summer season. The film mixed incredible action, realistic special effects and a great story to become one of the top films of the summer. This is the film that set the bar high for everything else that came after it.

### **"Up"**

Emotional, exciting and all-around sensational, "Up" is not only one of the summer's best, but one of the year's best as well. Pixar has crafted a magnificent adventure that will not only have you on the edge of your seat, but will tug at your heartstrings.

### **"Public Enemies"**

"Public Enemies" is an exciting and smart crime drama from the ever-impressive Michael Mann. His close and personal digital photography, explosive gunfights and awesome

performances from Johnny Depp and Christian Bale make this a great addition to this summer's selections.

### **"The Hangover"**

"The Hangover" was the summer's surprise hit and it lived up to its incredible hype in spades. It was incredibly funny and instantly quotable, and is continuing to do good business at the box-office. This is what great comedy is all about.

### **"Orphan"**

Very few movies have unnerved me as much as "Orphan" has and I'm extremely grateful for that. Horror needs to be truly unsettling for me to be impacted, and this film did everything in its power to scare me, and after seeing it twice in theaters, I can say that it's not a one trick pony.

### **"Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"**

Although it's not the best of the series by a long shot, "Half-Blood Prince" was still a step up from most of the releases this summer. Despite its narrative flaws, the film was exciting, emotional and really fun. I wish I could say the same for many of the other releases.

## **Worst:**

### **"Wolverine"**

After seeing "X-Men 3", I didn't have any hopes for "Wolverine." But even my lowest standards couldn't have prepared me for how horrible this was. It was a true slog to sit through and it's one of the few movies that I wish I could have my two hours back. It made "X-Men 3" look good, which isn't high praise.

### **"Angels & Demons"**

"The DaVinci Code" worked with all of its exposition because there was no urgency to it. It was a straightforward mystery. "Angels & Demons" tries to keep the same historic intrigue, but fails due to lack of excitement or tension. A chase movie doesn't need to have endless explanation and this was nothing but that.

### **"Terminator: Salvation"**

"Terminator: Salvation" was a red-blooded action film that failed to be interesting. The story was non-existent, and it felt more like a tribute film to past "Terminator" films. Also, Christian Bale's John Connor was annoying and extremely one-note. Not exactly the charismatic leader fans were expecting.

### **"Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen"**

Although I was apologetic at first, there's not a single plot line or development I can remember from this sequel. It was loud noise and nothing more. Good action can't cover up a bad story. I'll admit here and now that I'm eating my words from a while back. This was not a good film.

### **"Bruno"**

The first half of "Bruno" was nothing more than exaggerated gay jokes and raunchy humor. The second half finally found its stride, but it was too little, too late. It was a sloppy endeavor to capture the political and satirical tone of "Borat." Better luck next time, Sasha.

### **"Funny People"**

Judd Apatow's third film is a structural and tonal failure. It never finds out what kind of film it wants to be and meanders for much of its run time. The third act is completely unnecessary and I found no sympathy for Adam Sandler's dying comedic character at all.

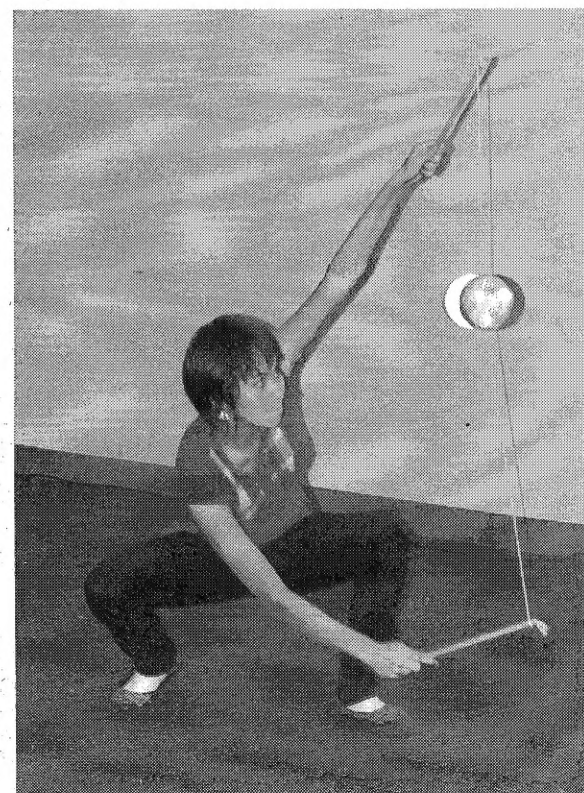
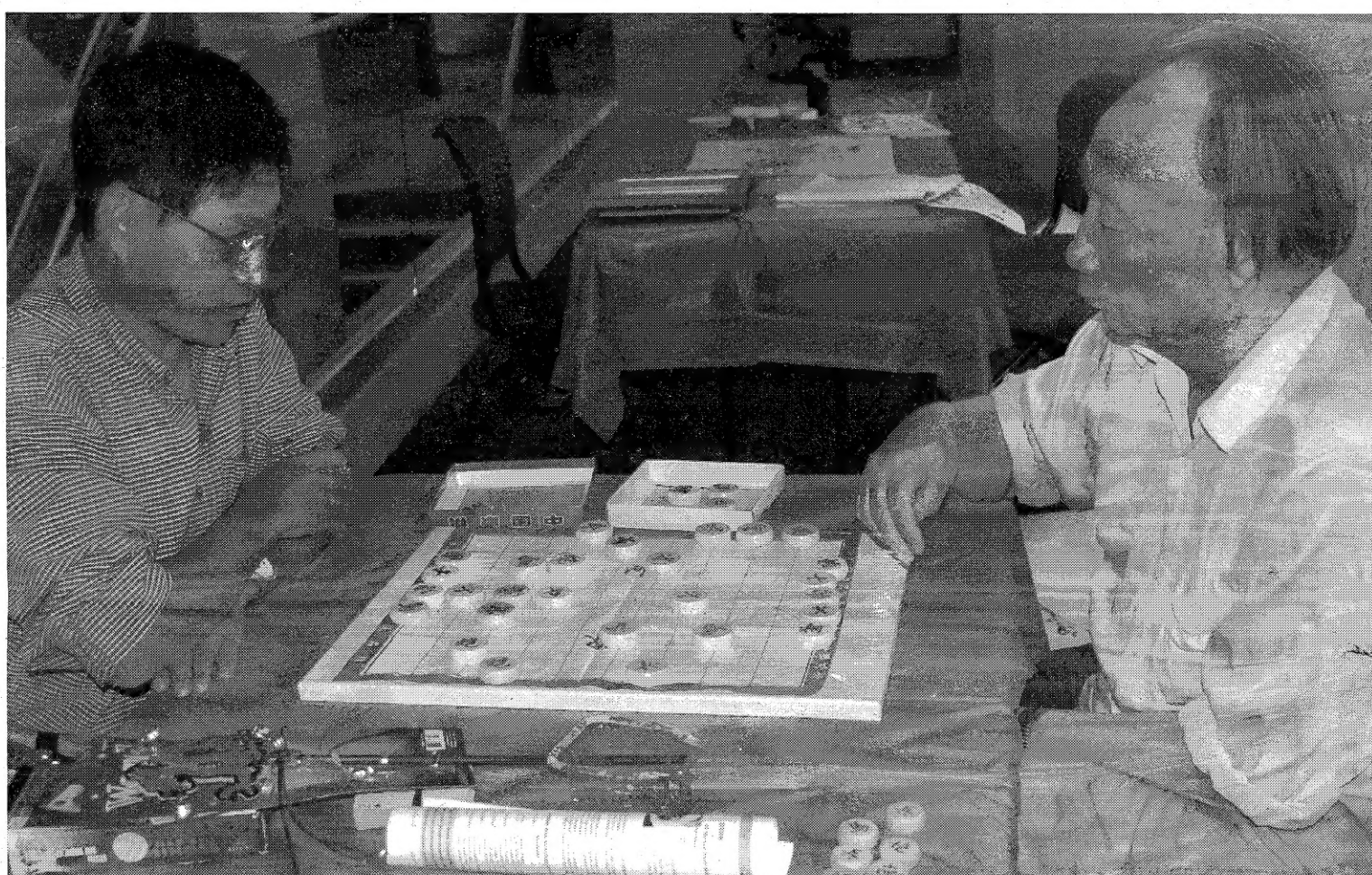




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**Top & Right:** The campus community celebrated Chinese Culture Day Aug. 15 at the UNO Criss Library. Activities included children's crafts, music, dance exhibitions and traditional Chinese games.

**Bottom Right:** "China since 1978" photo exhibit was on display in the Criss Library Gallery Aug. 10-15. More than 70 photographs illustrated Chinese life since the 1978 reform.



# 'Project Runway' is back with a familiar look

CHUCK BARNEY  
CONTRA COSTA TIMES

(MCT) - All you nervous "Project Runway" fans can relax. The channel may have changed, along with the locale and the producers. But the show — for better or worse — is still very much the same.

A lot of crazed "Runway" devotees freaked out when they heard that, after some bitter legal wrangling, the reality hit about aspiring fashion designers would be changing its home base from Bravo to Lifetime. Not only that, it would jump coasts from New York to Los Angeles and be taken over by the Bunim-Murray production company of "Real World" fame.

Gasp. Was "Project Runway" on its way to ruin? Would its contestants abandon their garment collections to hob-nob in hot tubs? Would the catwalk be overrun by Hollywood hedonists?

Not to worry. Aside from an extra blast of sunlight and the appearance of tabloid queen Lindsay Lohan (who looks sort of lost) as a guest judge, the long-delayed Season 6 opener follows an oh-so-familiar pattern.

Heidi Klum is still here and looking as radiant as ever. So is beloved mentor Tim Gunn, and snarky mainstays Nina Garcia and Michael Kors. The sets and the basic set-up? Still the same.

There is comfort in familiarity, of course, and you can't blame Lifetime for not wanting to fix something that wasn't broken — especially on the network's first go-around. On the other hand, most successful long-running reality shows, such as "Survivor," throw in a few tweaks here or there just to keep things fresh.

But a stubborn "Runway" sticks to the tried-and-true, right down to its trademark buzz-phrases. I don't know about you, but I wouldn't lose a moment of sleep if I never again heard Mr. Gunn force out the tired



Model Heidi Klum and fashion designer Michael Kors attend the Project Runway fashion show, held at the Bryant Park tents, during the Fall-Winter 2006 Olympus Fashion Week in New York, on Friday, February 10, 2006. (NICOLAS KHAYAT/ABACA PRESS/KRT)

words, "Make it work."

As with any reality show, "Runway" mostly relies on the personalities of its cast to keep it humming. Lifetime made only an abbreviated version of the opener available for review (The elimination round was trimmed "to preserve the excitement.") And though it's always difficult to gauge the overall appeal of a 16-person cast on Night 1, this bunch seems to have potential.

The eager designers range in age from 24 to 50 and feature a recovering crystal-meth addict, someone who admittedly "comes off as very androgynous," and a

woman who specializes in plus-size designs, but prefers to call them "plus-sexy."

A touch of Hollywood is immediately introduced in the season's first challenge as the designers find themselves whipping up fabulous (and frightful) red-carpet creations for television's big Emmy night. One stressed-out contestant has a tearful breakdown, forcing Gunn to shift from impartial mentor to proactive therapist.

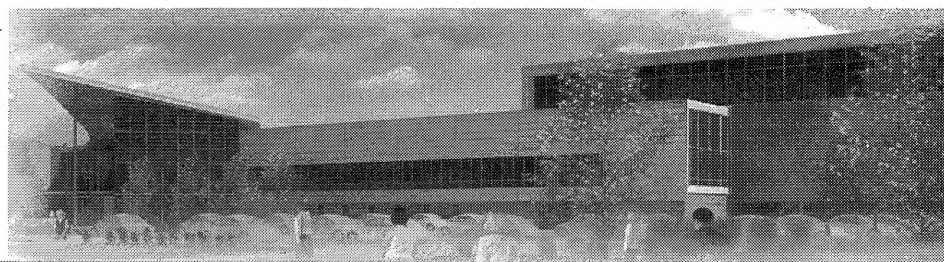
Of course, Gunn revives the spirits of said contestant, who happily proclaims, "Tim's a god." The "Runway" faithful undoubtedly will nod in unison and reply,

"Tell us something we didn't know."

While Lifetime presents "Runway" with few alterations, it has adorned it with a couple of shiny accessories. On "Project Runway: All-Star Challenge," eight standout designers from seasons past return to the workroom to compete for \$100,000 in a two-hour special.

And then there's "Models of the Runway," a companion series that will focus on the glamazons of the catwalk. Will fans embrace the additions? Well, as Heidi says, either you're in or you're out.

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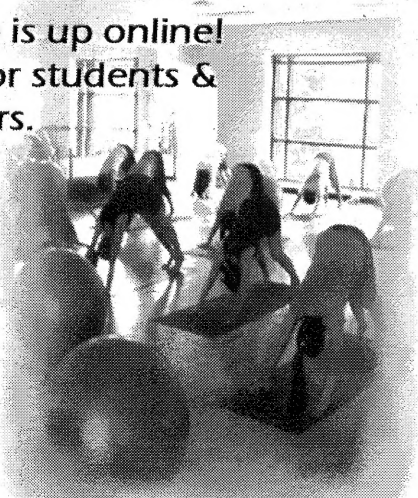
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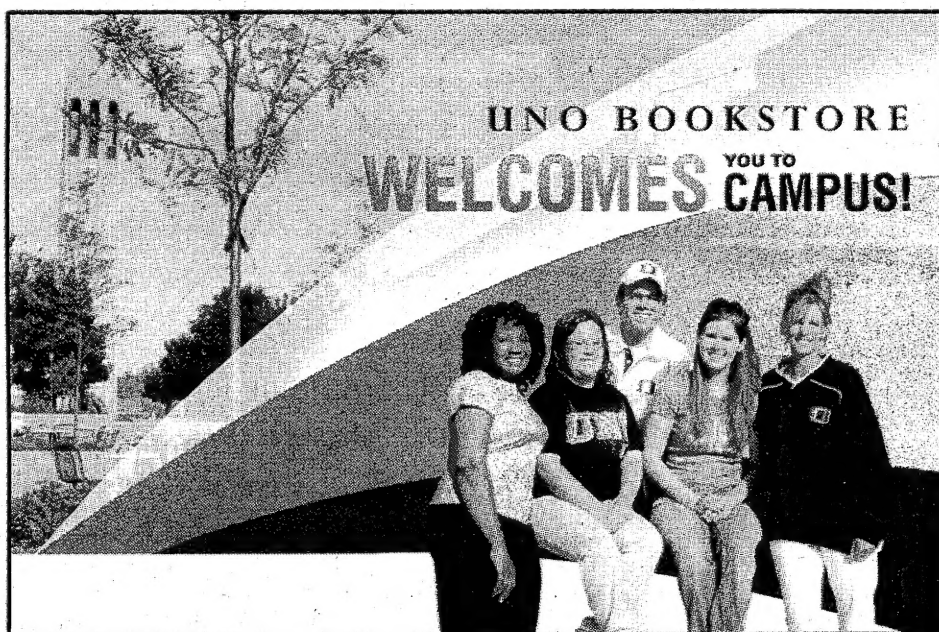
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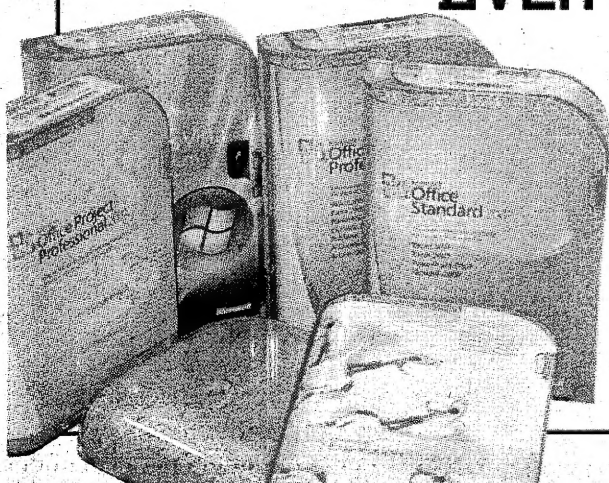


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